



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #15

Districts 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Salmon are entering the mouths of the river but the Chinook salmon run projections still indicate the run may be too small to meet escapement goals, therefore there are no extra Chinook salmon in the run for harvest. The summer chum salmon run is late, but the first large group of chum is beginning to move through Districts 2 and 3. In order to provide opportunity to harvest chum salmon, fishing will be allowed with selective gear only (dip nets and beach seines) and **all Chinook salmon must be released alive to the water**. During fishing closures, gillnets, dip nets, beach seines and fish wheels are not allowed.

Commercial periods for summer chum with selective gear in District 2 are being considered but will be determined based on processor capacity and with consideration for prioritizing the subsistence harvest of summer chum.

Subsistence Management Actions:

District 2 (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall):

Subsistence fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines from:

2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 to 8 a.m. Sunday, June 28 (a previously announced 18-hour period)

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 to 8 a.m. Friday, July 3 (a 36-hour period)

All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines from:

2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 to 8 a.m. Sunday, June 28 (a previously announced 18-hour period)

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 to 8 a.m. Friday, July 3 (36-hour period)

All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Innoko River:

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with **6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets**.

General Reminders:

All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets, beach seines and fish wheels. During fishing closures, gillnets, dip nets, beach seines and fish wheels are not allowed.

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing.



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