



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #17

#### Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 Subsistence Fishing Gear

Districts Affected: Lower and Upper Yukon Area

The opportunity to harvest non-salmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is being reinstated at this time. There is still a conservation concern for Chinook salmon and therefore fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where resident fish are abundant, but where Chinook salmon are not abundant. **Gillnets must be 4-inch or smaller mesh, must be set from shore, (may not be drifted), and are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet. This gear must be set in sloughs or tributaries and may not be placed in mainstem water where salmon are known to be migrating.**

The subsistence fishing schedules are not being changed by this announcement. To check the schedule for your district please call (866) 479-7387 or in Fairbanks: 459-7387

#### Subsistence fishing:

**District 1 through District 4** (from 62 degrees North latitude north to Point Romanof, including the Black River and the North Coastal District, and communities from Emmonak to Ruby):

**Effective 2 pm., Saturday, June 27 gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon during salmon fishing closures with the following restrictions:**

**Gillnets must be 60 feet or shorter length and they must be set from shore.**

**Gillnets must be placed in sloughs or tributaries and may not be placed in mainstem water where salmon are known to be migrating.**

Salmon incidentally-harvested using 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets may be retained. However, if there are indications of fishermen targeting salmon with this gear, the use of this gear may be rescinded in order to protect the Chinook salmon run.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks call 456-0406.

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#### COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Subsistence fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates>.