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## Advisory Announcement

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### 2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #18

#### District 2 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

After a late start, the summer chum salmon run is beginning to enter the Yukon River. Current projections indicate a commercial surplus is available for harvest. Commercial summer chum salmon fishing with selective gear only (dip nets and beach seines) is beginning in District 2. Chinook salmon are also moving through the river, but projections indicate a very poor return and no surplus for harvest is available for subsistence. Subsistence fishing periods to target summer chum with dip nets and beach seines are being extended. **All Chinook salmon must be released alive during subsistence and commercial openings with dip nets and beach seines.**

Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer and should check tender locations prior to fishing. Crewmembers must have a current crewmember license. The phone number to reach CFEC is: 907-789-6150. CFEC permits can be renewed online at: [www.cfec.state.ak.us/Leon/#leon](http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/Leon/#leon)

Commercial fishermen must have a signed Shore-based Fishing Operation Protective Measures Acknowledgement form onboard and on file with their processor: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-MANDATE-017-Appendix-02-Acknowledgement-Form-REVISED.pdf>

### Commercial fishing

#### District 2:

Commercial fishing will open for **one 24-hour period** with dip nets and beach seines from:

**8 p.m. Monday, June 29 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30**

**All Chinook salmon must be released alive and recorded on a fish ticket.**

### Subsistence Management Actions

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

Subsistence fishing is currently closed. Subsistence fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines from:

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

**All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

### General Reminders:

**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.

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. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.



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