



Advisory Announcement

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2022 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #5 District 4 and Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be similar to the 2021 run and may not be strong enough to meet escapement objectives or provide any surplus for harvest. Consistent with the preseason management strategy to take a conservative approach this season, subsistence fishing will be closed during the trickle and first pulse of the Chinook salmon run. The forecast for summer chum salmon is very poor and there is not a projected surplus to allow for harvests, so salmon closures will likely remain in effect through much of the summer season, unless run abundance indicates escapement goals might be met. The Koyukuk River will remain open at this time to allow for the harvest of sheefish and other nonsalmon species until salmon arrive.

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is available during salmon closures; however, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered.

Due to the low run sizes, we are encouraging fishermen to target nonsalmon and to release Chinook and summer chum salmon alive from nonsalmon gear types to protect spawning salmon. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hook and line with a rod or pole (up to and including the Nulato River), hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net and spear.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile downstream from Old Paradise Village upstream to Stink Creek, including Grayling and Anvik):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, June 12, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Dip nets and hook and line gear may be used for nonsalmon, pink and sockeye salmon; however, Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper (from Stink Creek upstream to the tip of Cone Point, including Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are

restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Dip nets and hook and line gear may be used for nonsalmon, pink and sockeye salmon; however, Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive. Hook and line gear may be used up to and including the Nulato River in Subdistrict 4-A Upper.

Koyukuk River (including Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, and Bettles):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. Gillnet gear in the permit area may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size.

Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C (including Galena and Ruby):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

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Federal Special Action

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has concurrently issued an Emergency Special Action 2-KS-03-22 on June 7, 2022, to close **federal public waters** in the Yukon River drainage to the harvest of salmon beginning June 12 in Subdistrict 4-A Lower and June 15 in Subdistrict 4-A Upper. For information regarding Federal subsistence fishing regulations contact Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.

The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.



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