



Advisory Announcement

Released: September 23, 2022

CONTACT:

Christy Gleason, Area Management Biologist
Shane Ransbury, Asst. Area Management Biologist
(907) 459-7274 (Fairbanks)
Toll free fishing schedule and counts: (866) 479-7387

2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #16 District 4 And Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 fall chum salmon run was below the 300,000 fish limit to allow subsistence salmon fishing. At this time, lower Yukon River assessment projects are complete for the season and very few salmon are entering the Yukon River. Subsistence fishing restrictions are being removed in most areas based on fall chum salmon travel time. The Koyukuk River drainage will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December to protect active spawning fall chum salmon.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 4 (including all lakes, sloughs, and tributaries):

For the current schedule and allowed gear, call the recording at (866) 479-7387.

Effective at the dates and times listed below, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal salmon gear. All fish caught may be retained. 4-inch gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

Effective **8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 9** in Subdistrict 4-A Lower (Anvik and Grayling).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Friday, October 14** in Subdistrict 4-A Upper (Kaltag, Nulato and Koyukuk).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 16** in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (Galena and Ruby).

Koyukuk River drainage (Huslia, Hughes, Alatna, Allakaket, Bettles, Wiseman, and Coldfoot):

Subsistence salmon fishing remains closed through December.

In the subsistence permit area of South Fork and the Middle Fork of the Koyukuk River, gillnet gear may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size.

General reminders for winter subsistence fishing are as follows. Fishermen can continue to use legal nonsalmon gear. Only while ice fishing may a hook and line attached to a rod or pole be used in the Yukon River drainage upstream of the Nulato River. In all of District 4, jigging gear may be used from shore ice September 21 to May 15.

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. Federal special actions in federal public waters of the Yukon River are rescinded effective 12:01 am October 1.



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

Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

ADF&G Advisory Announcements will be posted on www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov/ and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG.



-end-