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2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #24

Board of Fisheries Information

Districts Affected: Yukon Area

The Board of Fisheries (BOF) is the state's regulatory authority that passes regulations to conserve and develop Alaska's fisheries resources. The Board has seven members, each appointed by the governor. Regulatory changes at the regional level are made via the Board once every three years, and this process is the only way to make allocative changes (i.e., changes that affect how much harvest is taken by one user group versus another). Comments on proposed regulations changes are encouraged from the public. Comments may be submitted online, in person, via fax, or through the mail until December 30, 2022 for Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area proposals. Fishery managers will discuss proposals at local Advisory Committee meetings this winter.

Review proposals online: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook>

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The schedule for the 2022-2023 Board of Fisheries cycle is as follows:

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish BOF (2023 January 14-18, Anchorage)

- Comment deadline = December 30

Alaska Peninsula BOF (2023 February 20-25, Anchorage)

- Comment deadline = February 3

Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues (2023 March 10-13, Anchorage)

- Comment deadline = February 23

During the 2022-2023 Board of Fisheries, the following proposals will be discussed regarding the Yukon Area:

Yukon Subsistence and Personal Use Fisheries:

- Proposal 79 – Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.
- Proposal 80 – Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.
- Proposal 81 – Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.
- Proposal 82 – Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
- Proposal 83 – After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.
- Proposal 84 – Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.
- Proposal 85 – Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.

Yukon Commercial Fisheries (proposals 87 and 89 also apply to subsistence fishing):

- Proposal 87 – Establish a definition of an eel stick.
- Proposal 88 – Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.
- Proposal 89 – Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.

Chatanika River Northern Pike Subsistence Fishery:

- Proposal 63 – Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.
- Proposal 64 – Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.

Yukon Sport Fisheries:

- Proposal 86 – Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.

Tanana River Drainage Sport Fisheries:

- Proposal 65 – Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.
- Proposal 66 – Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.
- Proposal 67 – Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.
- Proposal 68 – Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.
- Proposal 69 – Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.
- Proposal 70 – Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31.
- Proposal 71 – Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.
- Proposal 72 – Allow catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.
- Proposal 73 – Update Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.

- Proposal 74 – Update Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.

For more information, call the Fairbanks office at (907) 459-7274 or visit the Board portion of the ADF&G website at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>.

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