

2020 Yakutat Management Area Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fishing Permit Conditions

Please review all permit conditions and guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact the Yakutat Alaska Department of Fish and Game Office at (907) 784-3255 (April 30–November 1) or (907) 465-4209 (November 1–April 30)

1. The Yakutat Area subsistence salmon harvest must be reported online or submitted by mail with date, species, and area to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game by November 10th. **Those wishing to subsistence fish in the winter from November 10 until April 30**, after reporting, may retain a copy of the 2020 permit to use for the winter fishery. Harvest from the winter fishery must reported by May 15, 2021. A new 2021 permit must be obtained for subsistence fishing from May 1 through November 10, 2021.
2. Legal types of gear for subsistence fishing in the Yakutat Management Area include: set gillnet, drift gillnet, beach seine, purse seine, hand purse seine, dip net, cast net, spear, handline, longline, power gurdy troll gear, and hand troll gear. (5 ACC 39.105.)
3. Troll gear may not exceed two lines. Hand Troll gear may not be hook and line attached to a rod or pole and reel.
4. Permit is valid only in the freshwaters upstream from the terminus of streams and rivers in the Yakutat area from the Doame River to the Tsiu River, and in the waters of Yakutat Bay and Icy Bay.
5. In Yakutat Bay, a subsistence permit holder **MUST** attend their set gillnet at all times from April 1 through May 31.
6. In the Situk River each subsistence permit holder **MUST** attend their net at all times when it is being used to take salmon.
7. Permits must be retained in the possession of the permit holder and be readily available for inspection while taking fish; a person who transports subsistence taken fish shall be in possession of subsistence permit.
8. Unless extended by the commissioner, by emergency order, from the beginning of the commercial salmon net season through the end of the commercial salmon net season, the weekly subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. This applies to each river or by fishery individually.
9. A set gillnet may not obstruct more than two-thirds of a salmon migratory water way.
10. A permittee who fails to comply with reporting requirements is ineligible to receive a subsistence permit the following calendar year, unless failure to report was due to loss in the mail, accident, sickness or other unavoidable circumstances (5 AAC 01.015 (c)).
11. A separate form is required for proxy fishing. For more info, please call (907) 784-3255 (March 1–November 30) or (907) 465-4209 (November 1–April 30).