

Yukon District/Area Select Regulatory History

Select Yukon District Regulations, 1979.

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Yukon District

5 AAC 03.310. FISHING SEASONS.

(a) Except as provided in secs. 320 370 of this chapter salmon may be taken as follows:

- (1) in the Yukon district
 - (A) in subdistricts 1, 2 and 3 from June 10 through August 31 except that when June 10 falls within a closed weekly period the season will open the next following open weekly period; the early season is closed by emergency order and subsequent seasons are opened and closed by emergency orders;
 - (B) in subdistricts 4, 5 and 6 from June 15 through September 30
- (i) the early season is closed by emergency order and subsequent seasons are opened and closed by emergency order.

5 AAC 03.320. WEEKLY FISHING PERIODS

(c) Yukon district

- (1) subdistrict 1:
 - (A) June 10 through July 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday;
 - (B) after July 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
- (2) subdistrict 2
 - (A) June 10 through July 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Monday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 a.m. Friday;
 - (B) after July 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Monday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Thursday;
- (3) subdistrict 3
 - (A) June 10 through July 25, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday;
 - (B) after July 25, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday thru 6:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday;
- (4) subdistrict 4:
 - (A) in section 4-A from June 15 through August 1, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
 - (B) in section 4-B from June 15 through August 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
 - (C) in section 4-B after August 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
- (5) subdistrict 5:

(A) *in section 5-A from June 15 through August 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday;*

(B) *in section 5-A after August 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday until 6:00 p.m. Thursday and from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday;*

(C) *in section 5-B salmon may be taken seven days a week;*

(6) *subdistrict 6:*

(A) *June 15 through August 15. salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Monday*

(B) *after August 15, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday*

5 AAC 03.330. GEAR

(b) *In the Yukon district*

(1) *in subdistricts 1, 2 and 3 set gillnets and drift gill nets may be operated;*

(2) *in subdistricts 4, 5 and 6 set gillnets and fishwheels may be operated;*

(3) *an individual may have in operation not more than one fishwheel at any one time,*

5AAC 03.331 GILL NET SPECIFICATIONS AND OPERATION.

(b) *In the Yukon district*

(1) *the aggregate length of set gill net operated by on 1 individual may not exceed 150 fathoms and the length of o drift gill net operated by one individual may not exceed 50 fathoms;*

(2) *in subdistricts 1 and 2. salmon may be taken with gill nets of six inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order between June 27and July 5;*

(3) *In subdistrict 3, salmon may be token with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order between July 5 and 15.*

(4) *In subdistnct 4 salmon may be token with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a dote specified by emergency order between July 10 and July 31.*

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5 AAC 05.360. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS.

(a) *When the king salmon guideline harvest level has been attained the season in the district will be closed and a later season may be announced to attain guideline harvest levels for the other species of salmon.*

(b) *The following are guideline harvest ranges for the districts. subdistricts, and time periods specified:*

(1) *district 1 after July 15, district 2 after July 18, and district 3 after July 21: 120,000 to 220,000 chum salmon from the areas:*

(2) *district 3: 1800 to 2200 king salmon;*

(3) *district 1 and 2: 60.000 to 120,000 king salmon;*

‘(4) district 4: 2,250 to 2,850 king salmon and after August 15 in subdistrict 4-B 10,000 to 40,000 chum and coho salmon combined:

(5) district 5:

(A) subdistrict 5-A. 5-B and 5-C: 2,400 to 2,800 king salmon and after August 15. 8,000 to 36,000 chum and coho salmon combined:

(B) subdistrict 5-D: 300 to 500 king salmon and after August 15, 2,000 to 4,000 chum and coho salmon combined:

(6) district 6: 600 to 800 king salmon and after August 15, 5,500 to 20,500 chum and coho salmon combined.

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 1981.

5 AAC 05.331. GILLNET SPECIFICATIONS AND OPERATION,

(a) No person may operate set gill net gear that exceeds 150 fathoms in aggregate length; no person may operate drift gill net gear that exceeds 50 fathoms in length.

(b) In districts 1 and 2, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order issued between June 27 and July 5.

(c) In district 3, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order issued between July 5 and 15.

(d) In district 4, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order issued between July 10 and July 31.

(e) No gill net gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of any waterway. In the intertidal zone this restriction applies at all stages of the tide.

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 1982.

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Select Yukon Area Regulations, 1983.

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- (4) No gillnet gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of *any* waterway. In the intertidal zone this restriction applies at all stages of the tide

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 1985.

5 AAC 05.320. FISHING PERIODS. Fishing periods are as follows:

- (1) district 1, fishing periods are established by emergency order;
- (2) in district 2, fishing periods are established by emergency order;
- (3) District 3, fishing periods are established by emergency order;
- (4) district 4:
 - (A) in subdistrict 4-A from June 15 through August 1, salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
 - (B) in subdistrict 4-B and 4-C from June 15 through September 30, salmon may be taken from 6:00p.m. Sunday until 6:00p.m. Tuesday and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday;
- (5) district 5:
 - (A) in subdistrict 5-A, 5-B and 5-C, salmon may be taken from 6:00p.m. Tuesday until 6:00 p.m. Thursday and from 6:00p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday;
 - (C) in subdistrict 5-D, salmon may be taken seven days a week;
- (6) district 6:
 - (A) salmon may be taken from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday;

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(b) In districts 1 and 2, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six inch or

smaller mesh during periods established by emergency order.

(c) In District 3, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six inch or smaller mesh during periods established by emergency order.

(d) In district 4, salmon may be taken only with gill nets of six-inch or smaller mesh after a date specified by emergency order issued between July 10 and July 31 .

(e) No gill net gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of any waterway. In the intertidal zone, this restriction applies at all stages of the tide.

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 2009-2010.

5 AAC 05.320. Fishing periods. *In the Yukon- Northern Area, in all districts and subdistricts, salmon may be taken only during fishing periods established by emergency order.*

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(e) No gill net gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of any waterway. In the intertidal zone, this restriction applies at all stages of the tide.

(f) In Districts 4-6, gillnets with

(1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 60 meshes in depth;

(2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 70 meshed in depth;

(g) In Districts 1-3, gillnets with

(1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 45 meshes in depth;

(2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 50 meshes in depth.

(h) Notwithstanding (b) – (d) of this section, during times when the Commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of chum salmon the commissioner, by emergency order, may close the fishing season in Districts 1-6 and immediately reopen the season during which a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size less than eight inches.

(i) Beginning in 2011, in Districts 1-6, notwithstanding any other provision of this section that allows a person to take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches.

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 2011-2012.

5 AAC 05.320. Fishing periods. *In the Yukon- Northern Area, in all districts and subdistricts, salmon may be taken only during fishing periods established by emergency order.*

5 AAC 05.330. Gear. (Basically unchanged)

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(g) *In Districts 1-3, gillnets with*

(1) *greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 45 meshes in depth;*

(2) *six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 50 meshes in depth.*

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(i) *Beginning in 2011, in Districts 1-6, notwithstanding any other provision of this section that allows a person to take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches.*

Appendix A 9. Select Yukon Area Regulations, 2022-2023.

5 AAC 05.310. Fishing seasons. *Except as provided in 5 AAC 05.320 - 5 AAC 05.380, salmon may be taken only as follows:*

(1) *in Districts 1, 2, and 3; the commissioner shall open the season by emergency order and close the season on or before September 1 at 12:01 a.m. by emergency order;*

(2) *in District 4: except as specified in 5 AAC 05.369, in Subdistricts 4-A, 4-B, and 4-C, the commissioner shall open the season by emergency order and close the season on or before October 1 at 12:01 a.m. by emergency order;*

(3) *in District 5, in all subdistricts, the commissioner shall open the season by emergency order and close the season on or before October 1 at 12:01 a.m. by emergency order;*

(4) in District 6, the commissioner shall open the season by emergency order and close the season on or before October 1 at 12:01 a.m. by emergency order.

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(h) Notwithstanding (b) – (d) of this section, during times when the Commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of chum salmon the commissioner, by emergency order, may close the fishing season in Districts 1-6 and immediately reopen the season

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during which a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size less than eight inches.

(i) Beginning in 2011, in Districts 1-6, notwithstanding any other provision of this section that allows a person to take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than seven and one-half inches.

Select Yukon Area Regulations, 2023-2026 ([2023–2026 Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim, Commercial, Subsistence, Personal Use Finfish and Selected Shellfish Fishing Regulations \(alaska.gov\)](#)).

YUKON AREA SUBSISTENCE FINFISH FISHERY

5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and gear specifications

(a) Salmon may be taken only by set and drift gillnet, dip net, beach seine, a hook and line attached to a rod or pole, handline, or fish wheel, subject to the restrictions set out in this section, 5 AAC 01.210, and 5 AAC 01.225 - 5 AAC 01.249.

(b) In District 4, salmon may be taken by drift gillnets that are not more than 25 fathoms in length, unless closed by emergency order.

(c) In Districts 5 and 6, salmon may not be taken for subsistence purposes by drift gillnets.

(d) Unless otherwise specified in this section, fish other than salmon and halibut may be taken only by gillnet, dip net, beach seine, a hook and line attached to a rod or pole, handline, fish wheel, fyke net, jigging gear, spear, longline, lead, or eel stick.

(e) The following apply to subsistence fishing:

(1) **a gillnet may not exceed seven and one-half inch mesh size;**

(2) the aggregate length of set gillnets in use by an individual may not exceed 150 fathoms;

(3) each drift gillnet in use by an individual may not exceed 50 fathoms in length;

YUKON AREA COMMERCIAL FINFISH FISHERY

5 AAC 05.310. Fishing seasons Except as provided in 5 AAC 05.320 - 5 AAC 05.380, salmon may be taken only as follows:

(1) in Districts 1, 2, and 3, the commissioner shall open and close the season by emergency order;

(2) in District 4, the commissioner shall open and close the season by emergency order;

(3) in District 5, in all subdistricts, the commissioner shall open and close the season by emergency order;

(4) in District 6, the commissioner shall open the season by emergency order and close the season by emergency order.

5 AAC 05.320. Fishing periods

In the Yukon Area, in all districts and subdistricts, salmon may be taken only during fishing periods established by emergency order.

5 AAC 05.331. Gillnet specifications and operations

(a) Set gillnet gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in aggregate length.

(b) Drift gillnet gear may not exceed 50 fathoms in length.

(c) Salmon may be taken only with gillnets of six-inch or smaller mesh during periods established by emergency order.

(d) No gillnet gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of any waterway. In the intertidal zone, this restriction applies at all stages of the tide.

(e) In Districts 1 - 3, gillnets with

- (1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 45 meshes in depth;
- (2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 50 meshes in depth.

(f) In Districts 4 - 6, gillnets with

- (1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 60 meshes in depth;
- (2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 70 meshes in depth.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, during times when the commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of a salmon species, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season in Districts 1 - 6 and immediately reopen the season during which a person may take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size of seven and one-half inches.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in Districts 1 - 3, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen the season during which a person may take salmon only with a gillnet that has a mesh size of five and one-half inches or less, and that is not more than 30 meshes in depth.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, and 5 AAC 01.249 and 5 AAC 05.359 - 5 AAC 05.369, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of a salmon species, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen the season specifying the area in which one or more of the following gear limitations may be implemented:

(1) for fish wheels, as described in 5 AAC 05.333, the operator must closely attend the fish wheel while it is in operation, and all salmon must be immediately released to the water alive and must bypass any livebox unless retention is allowed by emergency order;

(2) dip nets may be used as described in 5AAC 05.362(k)(1)(A); all salmon caught with a dip net must be released to the water alive unless retention is allowed by emergency order;

(3) a beach seine may be used as described in 5AAC 05.362(k)(1)(B); all salmon caught with a beach seine must be released to the water alive unless retention is allowed by emergency order