



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #23 Subdistrict 4-A and Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

This year's fall chum salmon run fell below the 300,000 fish threshold needed to allow subsistence fishing. In accordance with the Yukon River Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan, subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon has been closed for most of the season. Based on run timing, current low catches at both the Lower Yukon and Mountain Village test fisheries, and low passage numbers at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station, the 2020 fall chum salmon run is essentially complete. At this time subsistence fishing restrictions are being relaxed to provide fishing opportunity for coho salmon and other fish species.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (that portion from the District-3 border upriver to Stink Creek including the villages of Grayling and Anvik):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed. Fishermen may use 4 inch or less gillnet gear to target non-salmon species. Subsistence fishermen may also use selective gear that includes hook and line, live-release (manned) fish wheels, and dip nets to target salmon other than fall chum salmon and non-salmon fish species. Fall chum salmon must be released alive immediately from the selective gear and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, September 14, subsistence salmon fishing will open for 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Fishermen may also use other types of salmon gear such as dip nets and fish wheels. All fish caught may be retained.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper (that portion from Stink Creek to the Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C border including the villages of Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk) and the **Koyukuk River** (including the villages of Huslia, Hughes, Alatna, Allakaket, and Bettles):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed. Fishermen may use 4 inch or less gillnet gear to target non-salmon species. Subsistence fishermen may also use selective gear that includes hook and line, live-release (manned) fish wheels, and dip nets to target salmon other than fall chum salmon and non-salmon fish species. Fall chum salmon must be released alive immediately from the selective gear and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel. Note that fishermen downriver from the community of Nulato may use the hook and line gear.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 18, subsistence salmon fishing will open for 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Fishermen may also use other types of salmon gear such as dip nets and fish wheels. All fish caught may be retained.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.



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