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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #29

Subdistrict 5-D Upper 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. As the end of the 2020 fall chum salmon run is complete in Subdistrict 5-D Upper, subsistence fishing restrictions are being relaxed to provide fishing opportunity for other fish species.

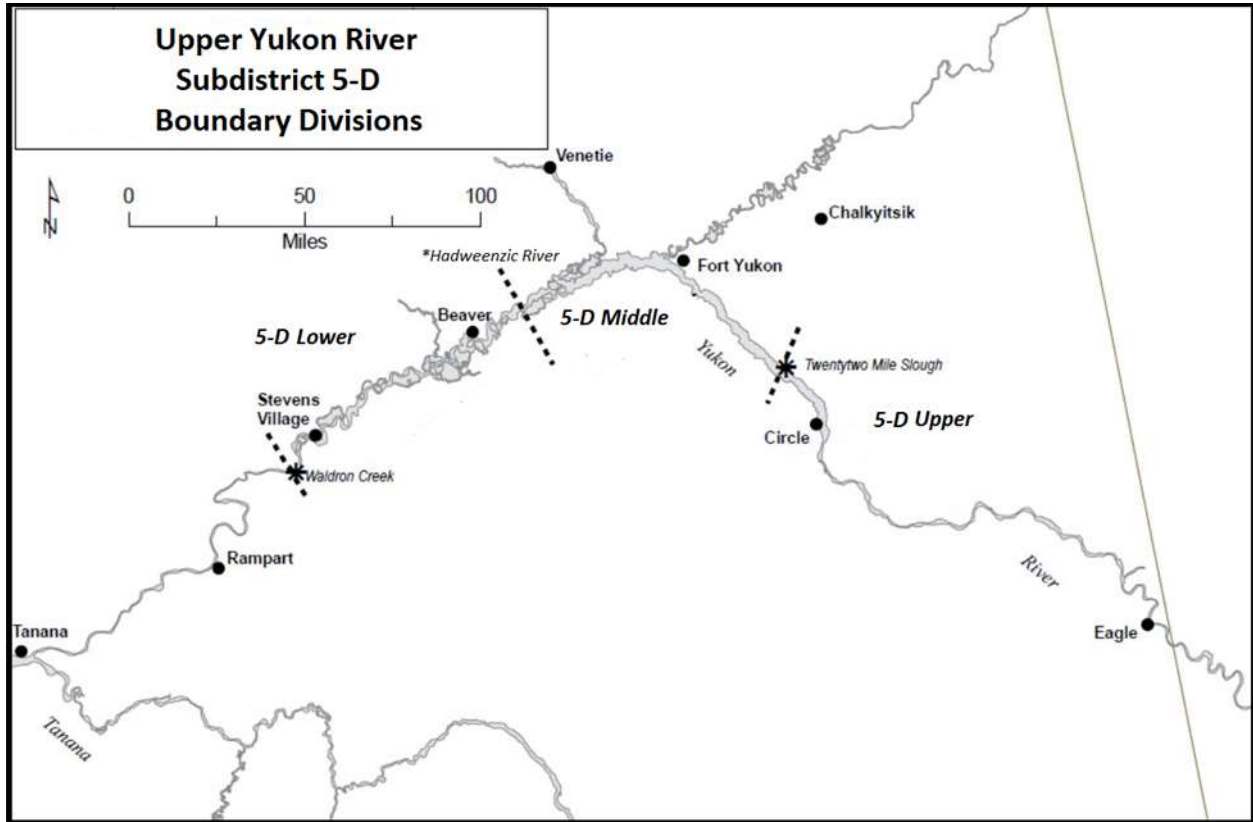
Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, includes Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target non-salmon species.

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

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all fish species from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border. Subsistence harvest calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office (459-7274) or online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.



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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