



Advisory Announcement

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2021 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #2 **Coastal District, Districts 1 and 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2021 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be smaller than the 2020 run and may not be strong enough to meet escapement objectives. When run forecasts are this weak, regulations require that the salmon fishing be closed on the first pulse. In accordance with the preseason management strategy to take a conservative approach this season, subsistence fishing will be closed during the trickle and first pulse of the Chinook salmon run. This is intended to protect Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected. Based on historical data, Chinook salmon are typically caught in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery at Emmonak by June 1 in most years. Therefore, salmon fishing will close June 2 in the Coastal District and District 1. Salmon fishing will close on June 4 in District 2 to account for run timing between districts.

Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used during salmon fishing closures to target non-salmon. However, due to the conservation concern for Chinook salmon, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be restricted to a maximum length of 60-feet. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where non-salmon species are abundant to avoid incidentally harvesting Chinook salmon. While any salmon caught in this gear may be kept, if it appears salmon are being targeted with this gear, it could be further restricted.

The Emmonak office will be open to the public June 3; Mondays to Fridays 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays 1 pm to 5 pm. Closed on Sundays. ADF&G Emmonak office: (907) 949-1320.

Subsistence Management Actions

South Coastal District (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude which includes Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, salmon fishing is closed. Gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or less mesh may be used to target non-salmon and are restricted in length to 60-feet or less.

District 1 and the North Coastal Area (from 62 degrees North latitude north to Point Romanof, including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

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District 2 (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, salmon fishing is closed. Gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or less mesh may be used to target non-salmon and are restricted in length to 60-feet or less.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager call 351-3029.

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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, subsistence and commercial fishing is considered essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.