



Advisory Announcement

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2021 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #3

District 3 and Innoko River 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 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. The first Chinook salmon have been caught in the lower river test fisheries, and salmon fishing closures began in the Coastal District and District 1 on June 2, and in District 2 on June 4. Closures in each subsequent district are based on average swim speeds.

Due to the conservation concern for Chinook salmon, **4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be restricted to a maximum length of 60-feet effective when salmon fishing closures begin.** 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 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets may be kept, if it appears salmon are being targeted with this gear, it could be further restricted.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

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. Monday, June 7, salmon fishing is closed. Gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon but are restricted to 60 feet maximum length.

Innoko River (including Shageluk):

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 9, salmon fishing is closed. Gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon but are restricted to 60 feet maximum length.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishermen may target non-salmon with gears such as hook and line and dip nets. However, all chum salmon and Chinook salmon must be released from these gears.

The Emmonak office will be open to the public 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.



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/>.