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Advisory Announcement

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2022 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #10

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Passage estimates of Chinook and summer chum salmon at the Pilot Station sonar are well below average for this date. Consistent 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. The forecast for summer chum salmon is very poor and there is not a projected surplus to allow for harvests, so salmon closures will likely remain in effect through much of the summer season, unless run abundance indicates escapement goals might be met.

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is available during salmon closures; however, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered.

Due to the low run sizes, we are encouraging fishermen to target nonsalmon and to release Chinook and summer chum salmon alive from nonsalmon gear types to protect spawning salmon. Legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and spear.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (including Tanana and Rampart):

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

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Dip nets may be used for nonsalmon; however, Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in Subdistrict 5-C from the westernmost tip of Garnet Island upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located two miles downstream of Waldron Creek (Dalton Highway bridge area). Permits are available at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

The Emmonak office is open to the public Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays. ADF&G Emmonak office: (907) 949-1320.

Federal Special Action

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has concurrently issued an

Emergency Special Action 02-KS-06-22 on June 15, 2022, to close **federal public waters** in the Yukon River drainage to the harvest of salmon beginning June 21 in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C. For information regarding Federal subsistence fishing regulations contact Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.

The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.



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