



Advisory Announcement

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2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #6 Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 fall chum salmon run size is anticipated to be critically low. The fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the relationship between summer chum salmon and fall chum salmon run sizes, is for a run size less than 300,000 fish. According to the Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan, the preseason projection does not meet the threshold of 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing. In addition, the current run projection is unlikely to meet the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon, tributary escapement goals and Canadian treaty objectives. Therefore, subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon will be closed to begin the fall season.

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 restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Manned fish wheels are an additional gear being provided, but all chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include handline, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. Coho salmon may be retained from legal gear. If you are fishing in federal waters for coho salmon, please see the message at the end of this announcement.

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Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and all other adjacent tributaries, including the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 9. Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed. Manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon. However, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

A subsistence permit is also required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-D Lower from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the mouth of Dall River. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

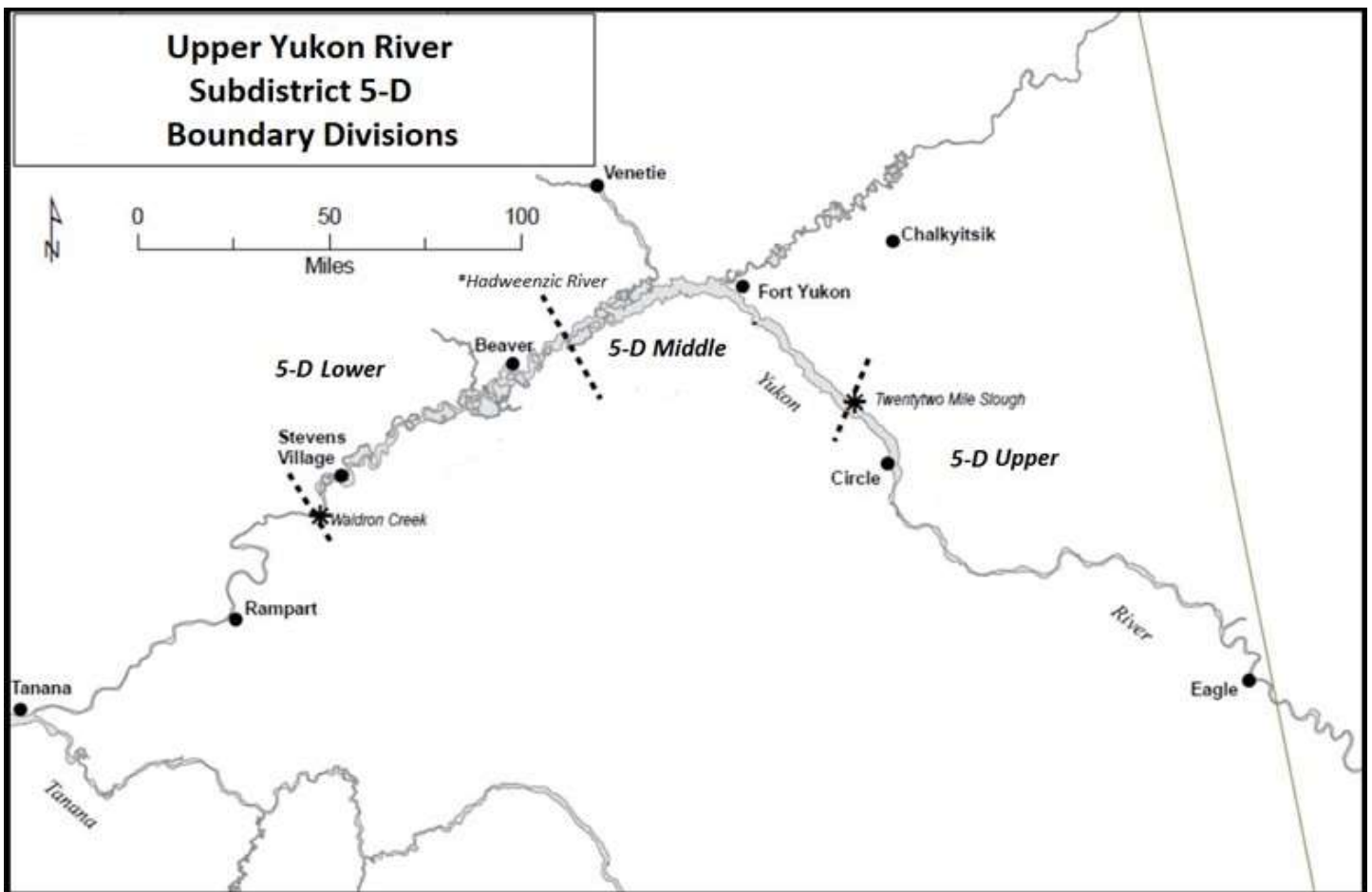
Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, all other adjacent tributaries, and the communities of Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek, and Fort Yukon):

The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 17. Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed. Manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon. However, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox. In Birch Creek, and the subsistence area of Beaver Creek below Moose Creek, gillnet mesh size may not exceed 3 inches.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, including all adjacent tributaries and the communities of Circle and Eagle):

The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 26. Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed. Manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon. However, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

A subsistence permit is also required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-D Upper from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.



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 2-FC-04-22 on August 5, 2022 to close Federal public waters to the harvest of fall chum in Subdistrict 5-D beginning August 9. Fishermen must be Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest coho salmon in Federal public waters. 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.

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