



Advisory Announcement

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2023 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #16 District 3 and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The summer chum salmon run is entering the river as forecast and stronger than recent years. While the run still appears to be below average, projections are indicating the run will be above the lower end of the 500,000 to 1.2 million fish drainagewide goal range. Therefore, a harvestable surplus of summer chum salmon for subsistence fishing is available. Consistent with the preseason management strategy, openings with selective gear types to harvest summer chum salmon are being announced based on regulatory schedules.

The 2023 Chinook salmon run is reaching its historical midpoint (June 25) at Pilot Station sonar. The run remains well below average and is unlikely to meet any escapement goals; therefore, Chinook salmon fishing remains closed.

During selective gear openings, **all Chinook salmon must be released alive**. Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and ensure any Chinook salmon caught in selective or nonsalmon gear types are released alive so they may continue upriver to their spawning grounds. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 3 and the Innoko River (including Russian Mission, Holy Cross, and Shageluk):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, fishing for summer chum salmon is open with selective gear types for two 36-hour periods per week from:

8 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Fridays

8 p.m. Sundays to 8 a.m. Tuesdays

During selective gear openings, dip nets, beach seines, hook and line, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Fishing for nonsalmon species remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and must be operated as a set net. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where nonsalmon species are abundant to avoid incidentally harvesting salmon. While any salmon caught in this gear may be kept, if it appears Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

Other gear types for nonsalmon species include hook and line, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive. Summer chum, pink and sockeye salmon may be retained.

In District 3 and the Innoko River, submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or cluster of floats attached to both ends of the net. All gillnets must be marked with a buoy, float, or keg that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address.

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

Assessment project and management updates will be shared during the weekly YR DFA teleconferences each **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. (Alaska time). Call in number: 1-800-315-6338, Passcode: 98566#**

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 Federal manager will issue separate Federal special actions with the same fishing schedule, that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in Federal Public waters. The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G and the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions.

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