



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #13

#### Districts 1, 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Chinook salmon run is late and projected to be much smaller than average. Fish are now entering the mouths but the run projections still indicate the run may be too small to meet biological escapement. At this time there is no extra Chinook salmon in the run for harvest. The summer chum salmon run is late, but entering now. In order to provide some opportunity to harvest chum salmon, fishing will be allowed only with selective gear (dip nets and beach seines) and **all Chinook salmon must be released alive to the water.**

In response to poor weather and as chum salmon abundance increases in the lower river, the department will consider longer dipnet periods for future announcements.

**During subsistence fishing closures, no gillnets are allowed.** At this time, 4-inch or smaller mesh gear is not allowed for the harvest of non-salmon, in order to avoid incidental harvest of Chinook salmon from this gear. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, gillnets, dip nets or beach seines are not allowed. Fish wheels may not be operated during closures.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**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):

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

**Effective 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 until 8 a.m. Saturday June 27, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period.

**As a reminder, the Black River is part of District 1 and gear is restricted to dip nets and beach seines during open subsistence periods. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

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

As previously announced, fishing is open with dip nets and beach seines for an 18-hour period from 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 to 8 a.m. Thursday, June 25. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

**Effective 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 until 8 a.m. Sunday June 28, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period.

**District 3** (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

As previously announced, fishing is open with dip nets and beach seines for an 18-hour period from 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 to 8 a.m. Thursday, June 25. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.

**Effective 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 until 8 a.m. Sunday June 28, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Stand by for a future announcement regarding the next period which would start Wednesday, July 1.

**Innoko River:**

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with **6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.**

**General Reminders:**

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing. **All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.**

**Fish wheels are a legal gear during open salmon fishing periods only, however the fish wheel must be manned while operating and all Chinook salmon must be released alive.**



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