



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #32

District 4 and Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The drainage-wide run size is projected to be around 150,000 Chinook salmon. A run of this size should meet escapement goals, but the surplus for harvest is limited, so fishermen should adjust their Chinook salmon goals to about half of what they harvested last year. Once the majority of the Chinook salmon run has passed the area, fishing will be allowed with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh on the full regulatory schedule of two 48-hour periods per week.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile downstream from Old Paradise Village upstream to Stink Creek including the communities of Grayling and Anvik):

Subsistence fishing is closed until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12.

Then fishing will return to the regulatory schedule.

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on a schedule of two 48-hour periods per week from:

6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays

6 p.m. Wednesdays to 6 p.m. Fridays

Subdistricts 4-A Upper, 4-B and 4-C (from Stink Creek upstream to Illinois Creek, including the communities of Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena, and Ruby):

Subsistence fishing will open for one **more 24-hour period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets from 6 p.m. Saturday, July 11 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12.**

Then fishing will return to the regulatory schedule.

Effective 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, subsistence fishing will open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on a schedule of two 48-hour periods per week from:

6 p.m. Wednesdays to 6 p.m. Fridays

6 p.m. Sundays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays

Koyukuk River (Huslia, Hughes, Alatna, Allakaket, and Bettles):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6 p.m. Saturday, July 11, fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman.

Subsistence fishermen may continue to use fish wheels, dipnets, and beach seines during gillnet openings and all salmon may be retained. During subsistence fishing closures, fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target non-salmon, but dip nets may not be used to harvest salmon during closures.



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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Subsistence fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.