



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #17 **Districts 1-3, Coastal District, and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon remains closed within the entire Yukon Area because the 2020 fall chum salmon run is projected to be less than the 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing according to the Yukon River Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan. To provide more subsistence fishing opportunity, subsistence fishermen may use selective gear (hook and line, live-release (manned) fish wheels and dip nets) to target other salmon and non-salmon fish species. **All fall chum salmon caught using the selective gear must be released alive immediately and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel.**

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller, with a frame 5 feet or smaller between the two farthest points. Fish wheels are encouraged to be "fish-friendly" to include basket sides and bottoms made of a soft material like seine web; and a padded chute to return fall chum salmon to the water immediately.

Subsistence Management Actions

Coastal District and Districts 1-3 (Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, Kotlik, Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, Marshall, Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed until further notice. Fishermen may use 4 inch or less gillnet gear to target non-salmon species. Subsistence fishermen may use hook and line gear for non-salmon species and salmon other than fall chum salmon in Districts 1-3.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 29, subsistence fishermen may also use live-release (manned) fish wheels and dip nets to target other salmon and non-salmon fish species. All fall chum salmon caught using the selective gear must be released alive immediately and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel.

Innoko River:

Subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. 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/>.



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