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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #21 **Districts 1-3, Coastal District, and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

This year's fall chum salmon run fell below the 300,000 fish threshold needed to allow subsistence fishing. In accordance with the Yukon River Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan, subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon has been closed for most of the season. Based on run timing, current low catches at both the Lower Yukon and Mountain Village test fisheries, and low passage numbers at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station, the 2020 fall chum salmon run is essentially complete. At this time subsistence fishing restrictions are being relaxed to provide fishing opportunity for coho salmon and other fish species.

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):

Effective 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, subsistence salmon fishing will open for 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Fishermen may also use other types of salmon gear such as dip nets and fish wheels. All fish caught may be retained.

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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