



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2021 SITUK RIVER CHINOOK SALMON FORECAST AND FISHERIES  
RESTRICTIONS**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the following information concerning the 2021 Situk River Chinook salmon run forecast and Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet AND subsistence fisheries.

The 2021 total run forecast for large Chinook salmon, 28" in total length and larger, is 1,550 fish with a standard error of 950 fish.

Commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries in the Situk River drainage and the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet are managed under the guidelines of the *Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan* (5 AAC 30.365). The plan directs the department to manage fisheries to achieve a biological escapement goal (BEG) range of 450 to 1,050 large Chinook salmon to the Situk River. The BEG was not achieved in 2010 through 2012, and again in 2015, 2016, and 2018. The following management actions will be taken to reduce harvest and ensure the BEG is achieved in 2021:

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be closed to the retention of Chinook salmon in commercial and subsistence fisheries from 6:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2021, until further notice.

The following areas will be closed to commercial set gillnet and subsistence fishing from 6:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2021, until further notice:

Mouth of Situk River: will be closed west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27' N lat, 139°32.62' W long to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77' N lat, 139°33.18' W long to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52' N lat, 139°35.07' W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73' N lat, 139°34.64' W long;

Johnson Slough: all waters of Johnson Slough will be closed.

Please refer to the map on the following page identifying the closed areas.

**Subsistence fishermen are reminded that when fishing in the Situk River they are required to attend their gillnet at all times when it is being used to take salmon. If a Chinook salmon is found dead in a subsistence net, fishermen are to report it and turn it over to the Yakutat Fish and Game.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0121.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.



Figure 1.—Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet waters closed to commercial and subsistence fishing in 2021.

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