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2021 Yukon River Arctic Lamprey Commercial Fishery Announcement #1

Arctic Lamprey Commercial Fishery

Districts Affected: Yukon Area

Fishers who would like to participate in the Arctic Lamprey commercial fishery should contact their buyer for information about buying times, locations and permits. Participating fishers must have a 2021 F04B (Fresh Water Fish Set gillnet) permit which can be purchased through CFEC (1-855-789-6150). Individuals who possess a valid 2021 limited entry commercial fishing permit or a valid 2021 Crewmember's License may assist a fisher holding the F04B permit with fishing activities such as operating the gear or picking up and transporting fish. Fishers who are registered as catcher/sellers and whose catch freezes naturally are permitted to sell their catch without becoming a licensed catcher/processor. Contact the department at 907-459-7309 for catcher/seller details and registration.

The 2021 harvest quota for lamprey is 20,000 metric tons. Commercial fishers must contact their processor to ensure they have a market before fishing and to find out when and where the processor is buying lamprey. Salmon and other species such as sheefish, whitefish or burbot caught incidentally in commercial lamprey gear may only be retained for personal use and must be recorded on a fish ticket as caught but not sold.

Districts 1 through 4:

Commercial fishing for Arctic Lamprey will open effective 12:01 a.m. September 10 through December 31, 2021, for 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

Fishing gear may include fyke or hoop nets, dip nets, or eel sticks.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager: 907-351-3029.

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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, subsistence and commercial fishing is considered essential 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/>.