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## Advisory Announcement

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**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

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### **Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery Announcement #7**

#### **Emergency Order #3-S-WR-7-22**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

As of August 14, the Bethel test fishery cumulative CPUE for coho salmon was 746 (2008–2021 average is 2,112) and the total estimated passage past the sonar was 104,346 coho salmon. Inseason assessment at this time indicates that the coho salmon escapement goals at the Kwethluk River weir and Kogrukluuk River weir will not be met. Therefore, subsistence fishing restrictions are needed to protect coho salmon returning to the Kuskokwim River.

**In the Kuskokwim River and Kuskokwim River tributaries (Subsistence Sections 1-5, Mouth of Kuskokwim River to Headwaters), the following management actions will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2022, until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2022:**

- **Subsistence fishing** with gillnets (set or drift), fishwheels, beach seines, and dip nets **will be closed in all flowing waters of the Kuskokwim River and Kuskokwim River tributaries** from the mouth of the Kuskokwim River upstream to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River.
- **Subsistence fishing with hook and line for coho salmon will be closed in the Kuskokwim River drainage.** Any coho salmon caught while fishing for other salmon and non-salmon fish species must be returned alive to the water.
- **Subsistence fishing** with gillnets (set or drift), fishwheels, beach seines, and dip nets **will remain open in non-flowing waters which includes lakes, ponds, backwaters, and oxbow lakes of the Kuskokwim River and Kuskokwim River tributaries** from the mouth of the Kuskokwim River upstream to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River. **Subsistence fishing in these areas should target whitefish, pike and other non-coho salmon species.**
- **Subsistence fishing** with gillnets (set or drift), fishwheels, beach seines, and dip nets **will remain open** in the Gweek, Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagayarak, and Eenayarak rivers 100-yards upstream from their confluence with the Kuskokwim River

As a reminder, the next meeting of the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., by teleconference. This meeting is open to the public. Please call 1-800-315-6338 passcode: 58756#, to attend via teleconference.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the State of Alaska web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), local radio stations, and Kuskokwim River Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/KuskoRiverFishingADFG/>). Advisory Announcements will be faxed to area villages. For additional information or questions regarding Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 1-855-933-2433.

**For additional information concerning this advisory announcement:**  
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