



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2023 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #21 Districts 1-4 and Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Yukon Area

The summer chum salmon run is entering the river below average, but stronger than recent years. A recent push of fish is likely to put the run above the lower end of the 500,000 to 1.2 million fish drainagewide goal range. To allow more harvest opportunities, fishing with selective gear is being extended from regulatory schedules to 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**The 2023 Chinook salmon run remains well below average and is unlikely to meet any escapement goals; therefore, Chinook salmon fishing remains closed. During selective gear openings, all Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and ensure any Chinook salmon caught in selective or nonsalmon gear types are released alive so they may continue upriver to their spawning grounds. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**District 1** (from one mile south of the mouth of the Black River along the coast to Point Romanof and including the Black River and the communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Fishing with selective gear types is currently open for a 36-hour period from 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6 to 8 a.m. Saturday, July 8.

**Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 9 fishing for summer chum salmon will open with selective gear types and remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week until further notice.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, and hook and line gear may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

**District 2, District 3, and the Innoko River** (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, Marshall, Russian Mission, Holy Cross, and Shageluk):

Fishing with selective gear types on the regulatory schedule is currently closed.

**Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 9 fishing for summer chum salmon will open with selective gear types and remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week until further notice.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, hook and line, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operation; Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

**District 4, the Anvik River, and the Koyukuk River** (including Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena, Ruby, Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, and Bettles)

Fishing with selective gear types is currently open for a 48-hour period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, July 7.

**Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, July 9 fishing for summer chum salmon will open with selective gear types and remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week until further notice.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, hook and line, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operation; Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the South and Middle forks of the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. Gillnet gear in the permit area may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

**Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C** (including Tanana and Rampart):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. The previously announced selective gear openings on the regulatory schedule will be extended to 24 hours per day.

**Fishing for summer chum salmon will open with selective gear types at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 and remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week until further notice.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, hook and line, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operation; Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area).

Fishing for nonsalmon species remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh and 60 feet or less in length may be used to target nonsalmon and must be operated as a set net. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where nonsalmon species are abundant to avoid incidentally harvesting salmon. While any salmon caught in this gear may be kept, if it appears Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

Other gear types for nonsalmon species include hook and line, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive. Summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained.

Submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or cluster of floats attached to both ends of the net. All gillnets must be marked with a buoy, float, or keg that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address.

The ADF&G Emmonak office is open Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays). ADF&G Emmonak office: 1-907-949-1320.

**Federal Special Action**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The Federal manager has issued separate Federal special action FSA 2-KS-04-23 with the same fishing schedule that restrict fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in Federal Public waters. The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G and the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions).

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