



Advisory Announcement

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2023 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #1 Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Lower Yukon Area districts will begin transitioning to fall season management on July 16. The transition will progress upriver based on the fall chum salmon migration timing.

The fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the relationship between summer chum salmon and fall chum salmon run sizes, is for a run size of 387,000 fish. The drainagewide escapement goal is 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon and the Canadian treaty objectives for fall chum salmon are 70,000–104,000 fish in the mainstem Yukon River and 22,000–49,000 fish in the Fishing Branch River. Genetic fall chum salmon are not expected to comprise a large portion of the chum salmon run until late July. Subsistence fishing on more abundant genetic summer chum salmon will be allowed during the early portion of fall season, after which subsistence fishing will close to determine if a harvestable surplus of fall chum salmon exists.

Subsistence Management Actions

Currently, in the Coastal District and Districts 1-3, subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear for nonsalmon and chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

Effective at the dates and times listed below, **chum salmon subsistence fishing will close and retention of coho salmon will be allowed.** Dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear may be used for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

- **12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25**, Coastal District and District 1 (Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik)
- **12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 28**, District 2 (Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall)
- **12:01 a.m. on Sunday, July 30**, District 3 and the Innoko River (Russian Mission, Holy Cross, and Shageluk)

Nonsalmon

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length is allowed. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be

encountered. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hook and line with a rod or pole, hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. If closures are in place for a salmon species, they must be released alive immediately from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets).

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 USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has issued a separate Federal special action FSA 2-FC-01-23 with the same fishing schedule that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.

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