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2025 Chignik Subsistence News Release #01 **Emergency Order #4-FS-L-SUB-01-25**

The Chignik Chinook salmon run has failed to reach the established Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) of 1,300 to 2,700 fish in seven of the last eight years. Notably recent years have seen record lows with only 731 fish in 2022 and 267 fish in 2023.

Due to recent record-low Chinook salmon escapements, it is not expected that the Chignik Chinook salmon BEG range of 1,300 to 2,700 fish will be achieved in 2025. The sport fishery in both the freshwater and saltwater near the Chignik Lagoon will also be closed. The commercial seine fishery in the Chignik area is restricted to the nonretention of Chinook salmon 28-inches or greater in length and further commercial salmon fishery restrictions are likely.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, May 1, until 11:59 p.m. December 31, Chinook salmon in the Chignik Lake and its Tributaries, as well as the Chignik River drainage extending to markers at the mouth of the Chignik Lagoon spit at a line from 56° 20.38' N. lat., 158° 29.14' W. long. to 56° 20.27' N. lat., 158° 28.20' W. long. may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.

The Department will continue monitoring the Chignik Chinook salmon run to determine if subsistence fishing for Chignik Chinook can be justified.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska.



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