



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #6 Coastal District, Districts 1 and 2 Closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2025 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be well below average and is expected to be similar in size to last year. It is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met in Alaska or Canada. To protect Chinook salmon as they migrate upriver, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being closed from the first quarter point to third quarter point of the run to protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run. Quarter point dates are based on historical run timing from recent years.

During this closure, nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

If the summer chum salmon run is projected to exceed the drainagewide minimum escapement goal of 500,000 fish, fishing for summer chum salmon with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels) will be allowed.

Subsistence Management Actions

Coastal District and District 1 (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to Point Romanof which includes the Black River and the communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, June 16 until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 3, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

District 2 (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 until 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

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 Fishery special action FSA 2-KS-05-25 closing Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing and restricting nonsalmon gillnets in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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