



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #10

Subdistrict 4-A Closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper 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 recent historical run timing.

During these closures, 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 but **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, openings with selective gear types will be announced.

Subsistence Management Actions

To protect Chinook salmon all gillnets (including 4-inch or smaller mesh gear) must be removed from the water during the bulk of the run.

Subdistrict 4-A Lower (from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile downstream from Old Paradise Village upstream to Stink Creek, including Grayling and Anvik):

Subsistence fishing 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 23 until 8 p.m. Thursday July 10, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week during this period, but it is limited to nonlethal 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.

Subdistrict 4-A Upper (from Stink Creek upstream to the tip of Cone Point, including Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Subsistence fishing 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. Friday, June 27 until 8 p.m. Monday July 14, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week during this period, but it is limited to nonlethal 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.

As a reminder, all gear must be marked with the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address. In District 4 and the Koyukuk River, 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, plus a third float in the middle if the net is over 60 feet in length.

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-08-25 closing all gillnets 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 and the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions.

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