



Advisory Announcement

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Toll free fishing schedule and counts: 1-866-479-7387

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #13

Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Based on the timing of Chinook salmon migration, fishing closures in portions of Subdistrict 5-D will start on June 27. These closures are intended to protect Chinook salmon stocks as they migrate upriver to spawning grounds in Alaska and Canada. The Chinook salmon run is coming in well below average and similar in size to the low runs in 2023 and 2024.

During this salmon closure, fishing for nonsalmon species will still be allowed with gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh. However, if Chinook salmon are caught in these nets, fishermen are encouraged to move their gear to protect the run. Later in the season all gillnets will be closed to protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run from incidental harvest; fishermen should stand by for future announcements with the closure dates. The toll-free phone recording (1-866-479-7387) will be updated when management actions are announced for each district.

Assessment projects and management updates will be published in weekly Advisory Announcements (Updates). Daily sonar passage estimates, and LYTF test fish numbers will be shared on Facebook (Yukon River Fishing - ADFG) and on the toll-free phone recording: 1-866-479-7387.

Weekly teleconferences hosted by YRDFA will take place Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The call-in number is 1-800-315-6338, and the participation code is Yukon# (98566#).

Subsistence Management Actions

Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used during salmon fishing closures to target nonsalmon species. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where they will avoid incidental harvest of salmon. Any salmon that are caught in this gear may be kept, but fishermen are encouraged to release any live Chinook salmon whenever possible.

Nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may also still be used, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and all other adjacent tributaries, including the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-D Lower from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the mouth of Dall River

Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, all other adjacent tributaries, and the communities of Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek and Fort Yukon):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, June 30, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, including all adjacent tributaries and the communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border

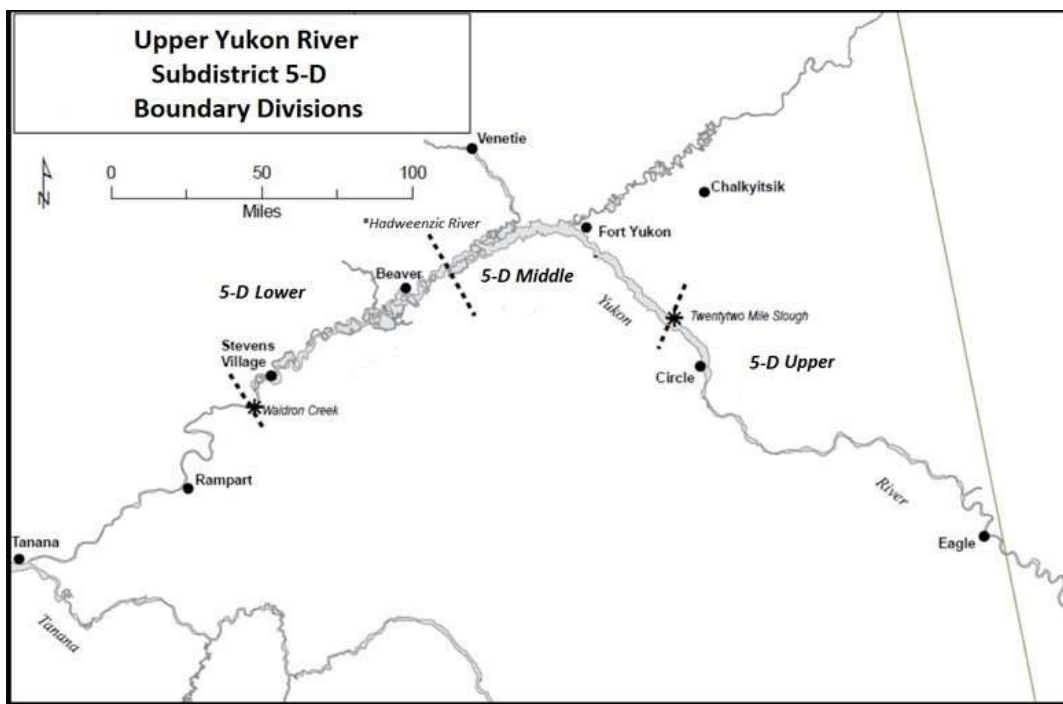


Figure 1. Subdistrict 5-D boundary divisions

As a general reminder, gear must be marked with the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address. In District 5, 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-10-25 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.



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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