



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #15

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2025 Chinook salmon run appears similar in size to last year and is coming in well below average. At this point it is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met. 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. **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.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (including Tanana and Rampart):

Salmon fishing is closed. Subsistence 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. Thursday, July 3 until 8 p.m. Sunday July 20, 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. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

A subsistence fishing permit is required in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the westernmost tip of Garnet Island upstream to the ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek (Dalton Highway bridge area).

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-12-25 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.



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