



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #18 Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence closures and Closures of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2025 Chinook salmon run size appears similar to last year and well below average. It is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met. Salmon fishing will close based on the arrival timing of Chinook salmon in each district. To further 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. This includes hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Subsistence Management Actions

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 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 with mesh larger than 4-inches are not allowed. Gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 until 8 p.m. Saturday July 26, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week. However, 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 salmon must be released alive.

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 with mesh larger than 4-inches are not allowed. Gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 13 until 8 p.m. Wednesday July 30, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week. However, 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 salmon must be released alive.

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 with mesh larger than 4-inches are not allowed. Gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17 until 8 p.m. Sunday, August 3, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week 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 salmon must be released alive.

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

As a 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.

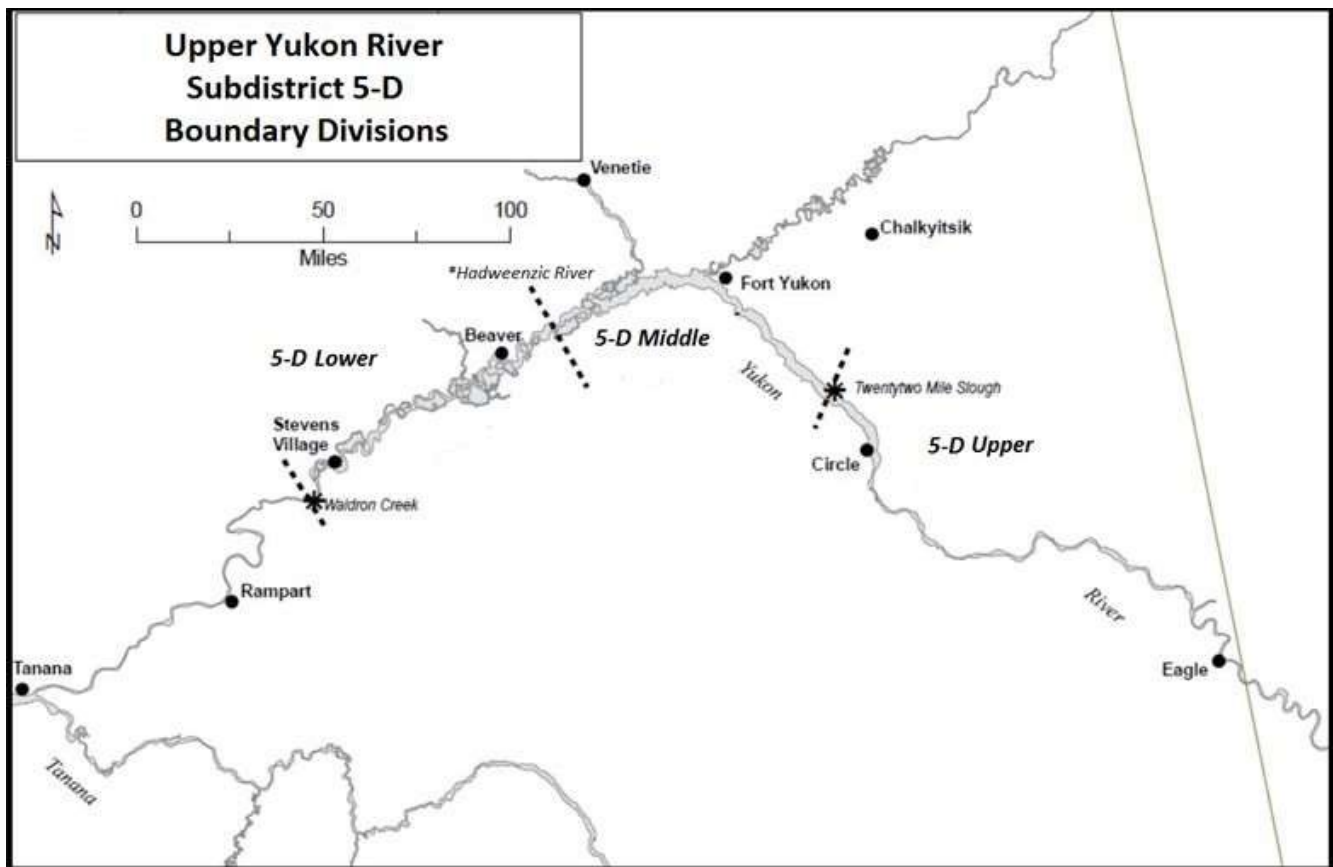


Figure 1. Subdistrict 5-D boundary divisions

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-14-25 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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