



Advisory Announcement
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**2026 SITUK RIVER CHINOOK SALMON FORECAST AND COMMERCIAL AND
SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES RESTRICTIONS**

The 2026 total run forecast for large Chinook salmon, 28" in total length and larger, is 900 fish.

Commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries in the Situk River drainage and the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet are managed under the guidelines of the *Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan* (5 AAC 30.365). The plan directs the department to manage fisheries to achieve a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 450 to 1,050 large Chinook salmon to the Situk River. The BEG was not achieved in 3 of the prior 10 years and has been achieved largely due to restrictive management measures. The following management actions will be taken to reduce harvest and ensure the BEG is achieved in 2026:

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be closed to the retention of Chinook salmon in commercial and subsistence fisheries from 6:00 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2026, until further notice.

The following areas will be closed to commercial set gillnet and subsistence fishing from 6:00 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2026, until further notice:

Mouth of Situk River: will be closed west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27' N lat, 139°32.62' W long to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77' N lat, 139°33.18' W long to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52' N lat, 139°35.07' W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73' N lat, 139°34.64' W long;

Johnson Slough: all waters of Johnson Slough will be closed.

Please refer to the map on the following page identifying the closed areas.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that when fishing in the Situk River they are required to attend their gillnet at all times when it is being used to take salmon. If a Chinook salmon is found dead in a subsistence net, fishermen are to report it and turn it over to the Yakutat Fish and Game.

The department will closely monitor escapement in season and make adjustments to restrictions according to the king salmon fisheries management plan as needed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0126.



Figure 1.—Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet waters closed to commercial and subsistence fishing in 2026.

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