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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Chignik Subsistence Salmon Advisory Announcement #01** **For Emergency Order 4-FS-L-SUB-01-26**

The Chignik Chinook salmon run has failed to meet the established Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) of 1,300–2,700 fish in five of the last six years. Although the BEG was achieved in 2025 under similar management measures, record-low escapements were observed in 2022 and 2023, with only 731 and 267 fish counted, respectively.

Given the recent record-low escapements, the 2026 Chinook salmon return is also expected to be below average. As a result, the sport fishery has been closed in both freshwater systems and saltwater areas near Chignik Lagoon. In addition, the commercial seine fishery in the Chignik area will be restricted to non-retention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater, and further commercial fishing restrictions have been implemented.

**Effective at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, until 11:59 p.m. December 31, Chinook salmon in the Chignik Lake and its Tributaries, as well as the Chignik River drainage extending to markers at the mouth of the Chignik Lagoon spit at a line from 56° 20.38' N. lat., 158° 29.14' W. long. to 56° 20.27' N. lat., 158° 28.20' W. long. may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.**

The Department will monitor the Chignik Chinook salmon run to evaluate if subsistence fishing restrictions can be liberalized throughout the season.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska.



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