



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #11

District 3 and Innoko River Closure of all gillnets

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2026 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be well below average and is expected to be similar in size to last year. It is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met in Alaska or Canada. To protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run as it migrates upriver, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being closed from the first quarter point to third quarter point of the run. Quarter point dates are based on historical run timing from recent years.

During the gillnet closure, 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. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. 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. Sunday, June 21 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

Innoko River (including Shageluk):

Chinook and chum salmon fishing is closed. 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. Tuesday, June 23 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this period, but it is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

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 Federal special action **ESA 03-KS-07-26** closing all gillnets in waters adjacent to Federal Land. For additional information concerning Yukon River Federal Special Actions contact the USFWS Federal Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, Holly Carroll; holly_carroll@fws.gov, (907) 351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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