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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #15 **Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As Chinook salmon travel upriver, fishing closures will start in the lower, middle and upper portions of Subdistrict 5-D on June 23, June 26, and June 28. These closures are intended to protect Chinook salmon as they migrate upriver to spawning grounds in Canada. The Chinook salmon run is coming in well below average and similar in size to the low runs in 2024 and 2025.

Opportunity to harvest nonsalmon species will be allowed with 4-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and other selective gear types. Fishermen are reminded to set 4-inch mesh gillnets near shore in areas where Chinook salmon are not present to avoid incidental harvest. If you are catching salmon, please move your net to protect them. All Chinook salmon should be released alive when possible while using nonsalmon gear. The use of 4-inch gillnets will be closed between the first and third quarter points of the Chinook salmon run to reduce incidental harvest.

Assessment projects and management updates will be published in weekly Advisory Announcements (Updates). Daily sonar counts and LYTF test fish numbers will be shared on Facebook (Yukon River Fishing - ADFG) and on the toll-free phone recording: 1-866-479-7387. The ADF&G Emmonak office (907-949-1320) is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In-season salmon management teleconferences hosted by YRDFA will take place Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The call-in number is 1-800-315-6338, and the participation code is Yukon# (98566#).

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 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 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

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, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 26, fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

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, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, June 28, fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

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

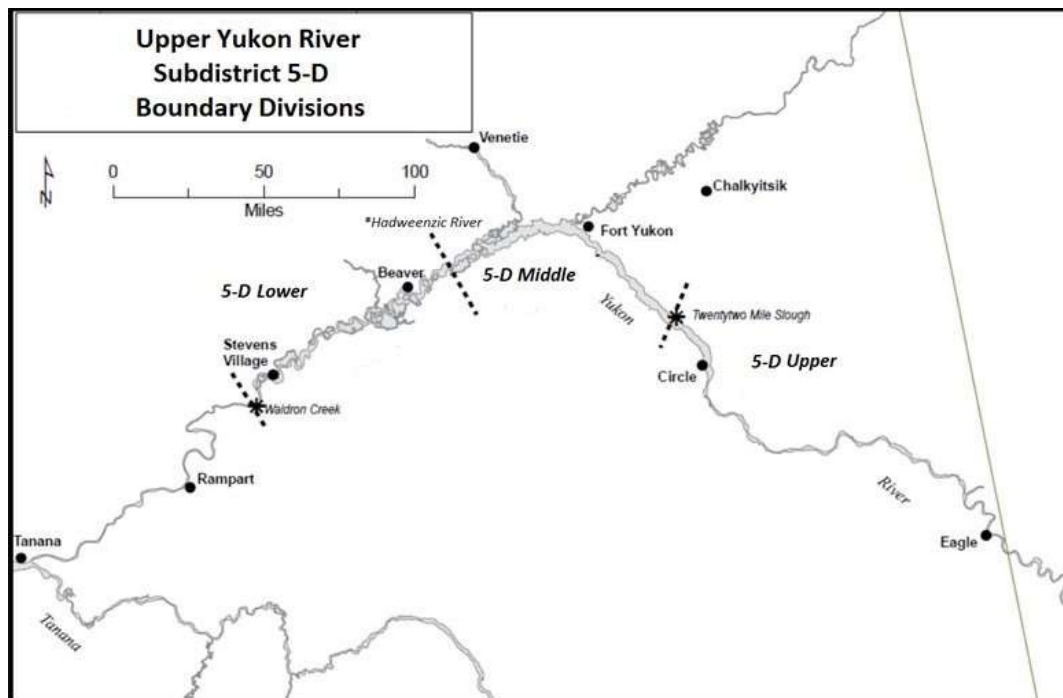


Figure 1. Subdistrict 5-D boundary divisions.

Nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may remain open, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

All gillnets must be marked with a buoy that has 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 floats attached to both ends of the net.

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 **TSA 03-KS-10-26** closing Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing and restricting nonsalmon 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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