



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #18
Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Emergency Order Number 3-S-SY-20-26
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Chinook salmon passage estimates remain below the historic average and 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, all 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. Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this 18-day closure, but is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Fish wheels remain closed. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

Subsistence Management Actions

Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B and 5-C (including Tanana and Rampart):

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, July 3 until 8 p.m. Monday, July 20, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

A subsistence fishing permit is required in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the westernmost tip of Garnet Island upstream to the ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek (Dalton Highway bridge area).

Non-lethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.**

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. All gillnets must be marked with a buoy that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address.

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 take place Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The call-in number is 1-800-315-6338, and the participation code is Yukon# (98566#).

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-12-26 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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