



Advisory Announcement
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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

East Alsek River: will open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Alsek River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Dangerous River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Yakutat Bay: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026,** with the following restrictions:

Lost River: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38' N lat, 139°36.55' W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82' N lat, 139°37.46' W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing 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, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77' N lat, 139°33.18' W long to a regulation marker northwest on Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52' N lat, 139°35.07' W long, and south of the regulation marker 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;

Chinook salmon retention: the Situk River commercial set gillnet fishery is closed to the retention of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon of any size may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed immediately and recorded on a fish ticket at the time of landing. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used. Retained Chinook can either be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale or to the Yakutat ADF&G office for distribution to those in need in the community.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026.**

Yakataga District: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 2, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Kaliakh River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 2, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Kaliakh River: the Tsiu River delta at the confluence of the Tsiu and Kaliakh Rivers and the eastern bank of the Kaliakh River across from the Tsiu River delta will be closed. The closure extends 100 yards from the Tsiu River delta beginning at but not including the edge of the upriver extent of the Tsiu River delta.

Tsiu River: will open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 2, through 9:00 a.m., Monday August 3, 2026, and 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Tsiu River: the Tsiu River delta at the confluence of the Tsiu and Kaliakh Rivers and the eastern bank of the Kaliakh River across from the Tsiu River delta will be closed. The closure extends 100 yards from the Tsiu River delta beginning at but not including upriver extent of the Tsiu River Delta.

Seal River: will open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 2, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2026, with the following restriction:

Seal River: waters of the Seal River will be closed upstream of the confluence of the East Fork tributary of the Seal River (located downstream of Vitus Lake).

Dual Permits: The use of dual permits is being allowed in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape. Individuals are reminded that if going to fish with two permits they are to notify the Yakutat Fish and Game office when they plan to begin fishing with two permits and when they stop fishing with two permits.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y1226.

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