



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #15 Subdistricts 5-D Lower, 5-D Middle, and 5-D Upper Subsistence Fishing Schedule Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-06-26

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As of August 25, the Yukon River fall chum salmon run is projecting to be above the upper end of the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fish. With the fall chum salmon run projecting to meet both its drainagewide escapement goal and Alaska tributary escapement goals, subsistence fishing restrictions can be relaxed in tributaries where Canadian-origin fall chum salmon stocks will not be intercepted, including the Teedriinjik River. Canadian treaty goals are not anticipated to be met even with a run size above the upper end of the drainagewide escapement goal range, based on previous season's performance of those stocks and genetic data of the 2026 run to date. Therefore, the Yukon River mainstem must remain closed to protect Canadian-origin fall chum salmon as they make their way upriver.

The coho salmon run is past its historic midpoint and current passage estimates are well below average. Subsistence fishing for coho salmon will remain closed but we will continue to monitor passage to identify any potential fishing opportunities.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Subsistence fishing for Chinook, chum, and coho salmon is closed and these salmon species must be released alive. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon from **noon Thursdays, through noon Sundays**. Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore. Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with nonlethal or selective gear types including manned fish wheels, hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net.

Subdistricts 5-D Lower, 5-D Middle, and 5-D Upper (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream the U.S./Canada border, including the Teedriinjik and Porcupine rivers, all other adjacent tributaries, including the communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek, Fort Yukon, Circle, and Eagle):

In all tributaries of the Yukon River, except the Porcupine River drainage:

Effective 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, subsistence fishing for chum salmon and nonsalmon, 500 feet upstream from the mainstem Yukon River, will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing

gear. Subsistence fishing in the Yukon River mainstem for chum and coho salmon remains closed.

Porcupine River drainage

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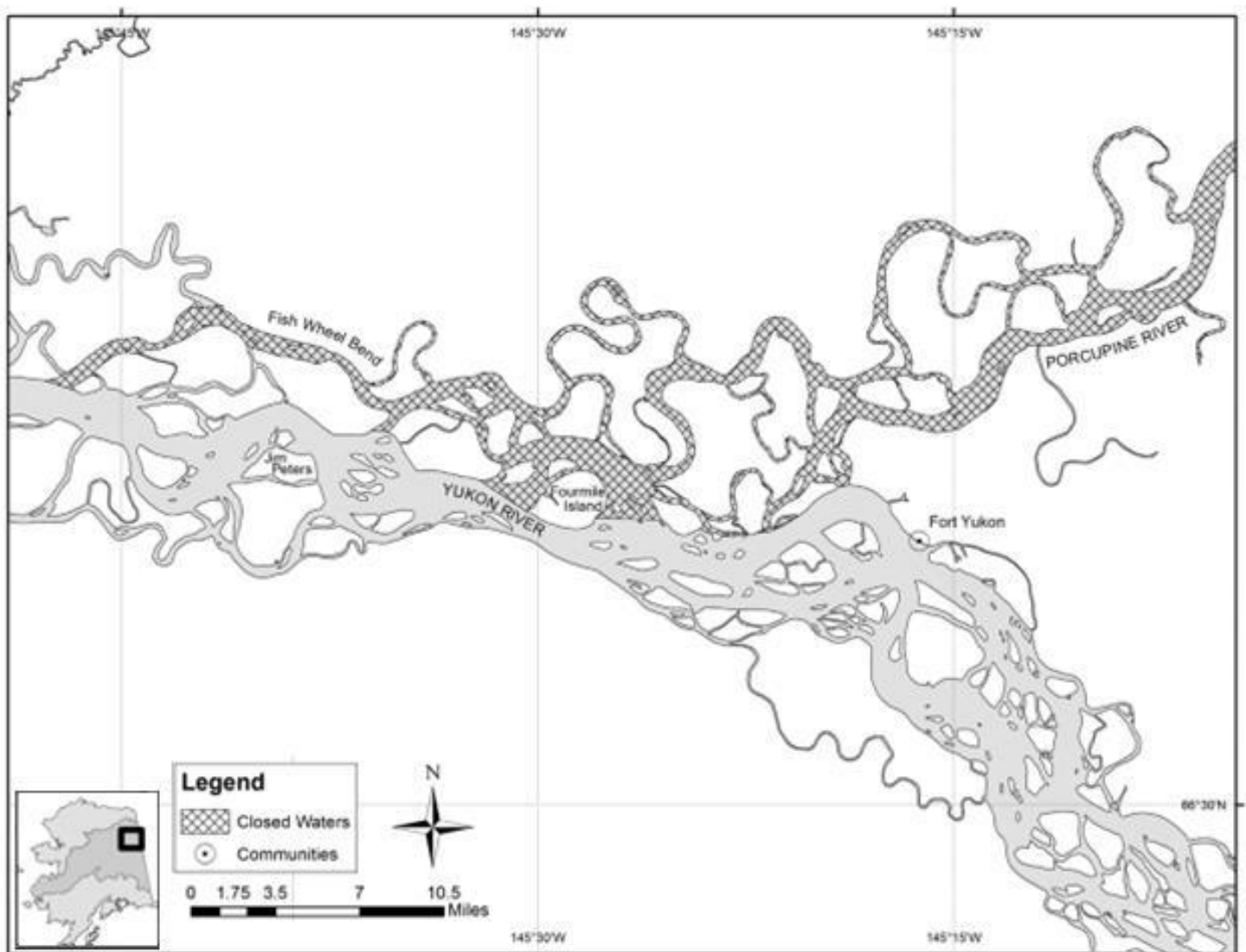


Figure 1.–Map showing the Porcupine River confluence with the Yukon River.

6-inch or Smaller Mesh Gillnet Nonsalmon Opportunity in Designated Areas

Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon species with **6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets remains open only in designated nonsalmon areas until further notice**. Set gillnets are restricted 60-feet or shorter in length and cannot block more than $\frac{1}{2}$ width of any waterway. Please see Fall Season Advisory Announcement #7 for the named lists, GPS coordinates, and maps of these designated areas. Links to Advisory Announcements and maps are shared on the ADFG – Yukon River Fishing Facebook page.

In Birch Creek, gillnet mesh size may not exceed 4 inches.

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

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-FC-10-26 with the same fishing schedule and restrictions in waters adjacent to Federal Land. However, in federal public waters of these drainages, salmon harvest is limited to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. 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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