



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #23

Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishery Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-09-26

The fall chum salmon migration is nearing completion and subsistence fishing restrictions are being removed based on fall chum salmon travel time. Current projections indicate that the fall chum salmon run is likely to meet all Alaskan escapement goals and could meet the Canada treaty objectives. However, the Canadian-origin projections do not include a large enough harvestable surplus for directed fishing on those stocks at this time. Assessment of the Canadian-origin contribution to the overall run is ongoing. Restrictions are being removed after the vast majority of Canadian-origin fall chum salmon have passed each fishing district.

The U.S. portion of the mainstem Porcupine River will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December to protect fall chum salmon returning to the Fishing Branch River.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 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):

Effective 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 26, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Teedriinjik River and the communities of Venetie, Birch Creek, and Fort Yukon):

Effective 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

Porcupine River drainage (including the community of Chalkyitsik):

In the mainstem Porcupine River, including those portions of the mainstem Yukon River around the 3 mouths of the Porcupine River (see attached map), subsistence fishing for salmon will remain closed through December 31. 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.

In all tributaries of the Porcupine River, including the Sheenjek, Draanjik (Black), Coleen, and Salmon Trout rivers:

Effective 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22 to 7:59 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon **500 feet upstream from the mainstem Porcupine River** will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with **6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets** and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

Effective 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon **500 feet upstream from the mainstem Porcupine River** will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with **7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets** and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

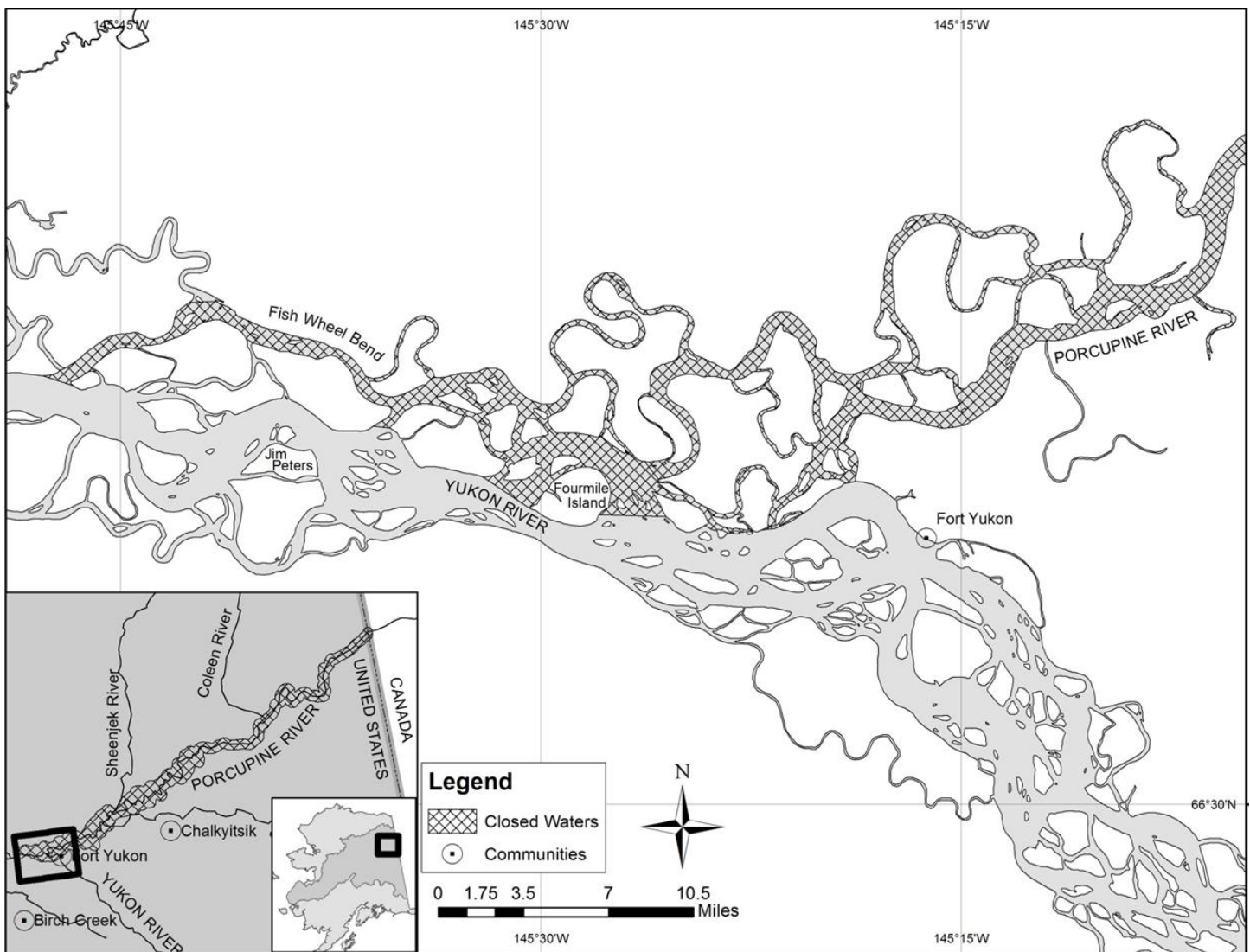


Figure 1. Map showing the Porcupine River confluence with the Yukon River.

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):

Effective 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

A subsistence fishing 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 the Dall River and in Subdistrict 5-D Upper from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border. Permits are available at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

Federal Special Action

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 03-FC-15-26 with the same dates these restrictions will be lifted. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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