



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #3 Coastal District, Districts 1, 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2020 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be smaller than the 2019 run. The first subsistence-caught Chinook and summer chum salmon were reported on the Lower Yukon on May 27 and May 28. For most districts, the subsistence fishing schedule is being reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule and gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh. This is intended to limit the harvest on Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected.

As a reminder, the following gears are legal during subsistence salmon openings in the Lower Yukon; set and drift gillnets, dip nets, beach seines, fishwheels, and hook and line. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

Subsistence Management Actions

South Coastal District (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude which includes Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay):

Subsistence fishing is currently open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 2 a.m., Friday, June 5 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen Friday, June 5, at 2 p.m. with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Subsistence fishing will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

District 1 (including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 2 a.m., Friday, June 5 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen Friday, June 5, at 2 p.m. with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- 2 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays
- 2 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 a.m. Wednesdays

District 2 (including Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 2 a.m., Saturday, June 6 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m. with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- 2 p.m. Saturdays to 8 a.m. Sundays
- 2 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Thursdays

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 2 a.m., Wednesday, June 10 subsistence fishing will close. Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen Wednesday, June 10, at 2 p.m. with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- 2 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Thursdays
- 2 p.m. Saturdays to 8 a.m. Sundays

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.



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