



## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **2025 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #12** **District 3 and Innoko River Nonsalmon Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon species with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be allowed in designated areas off the mainstem river where salmon are not known to be migrating or spawning. These areas were identified using local knowledge shared with management agencies and by using the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Anadromous Waters Catalog. Subsistence fishing for fall chum and coho salmon remains closed and whitefish subsistence fishing opportunity with 4-inch or smaller gillnets and manned fish wheels in the mainstem Yukon River has been reduced to protect migrating salmon. The designated areas for targeting whitefish and other nonsalmon species with 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets are listed below.

#### **Subsistence Management Actions:**

##### **District 3 (including Russian Mission, Holy Cross, and Shageluk):**

Chinook, chum, and coho salmon fishing remains closed. Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with nonlethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive.

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

**Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, August 17, subsistence fishing with set gillnets will open in the rivers, sloughs, and lakes without a closed drainage flowing into them that are listed below and shown in the map (Figure 1), until further notice. Set gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh and 60-feet or shorter in length. This is to provide an opportunity to harvest whitefish and other nonsalmon species. Gillnets cannot block more than ½ width of any waterway.**

The following areas are open using 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets for whitefish and other nonsalmon species only, **from 500-feet upstream of the mouth**. Nets must be set upstream of the coordinates listed below.

<i>Whitefish/Nonsalmon Area</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Nunvotchuk Lake and Outlet Creek	61° 46.077' N	161° 19.426' W
Ocalaksuk Lake and Outlet Creek	61° 47.895' N	161° 20.912' W
Onolavik Lake and Outlet Creek	61° 48.445' N	161° 21.509' W
Talbiksok River upstream of the Portage Slough confluence	61° 41.321' N	161° 14.693' W

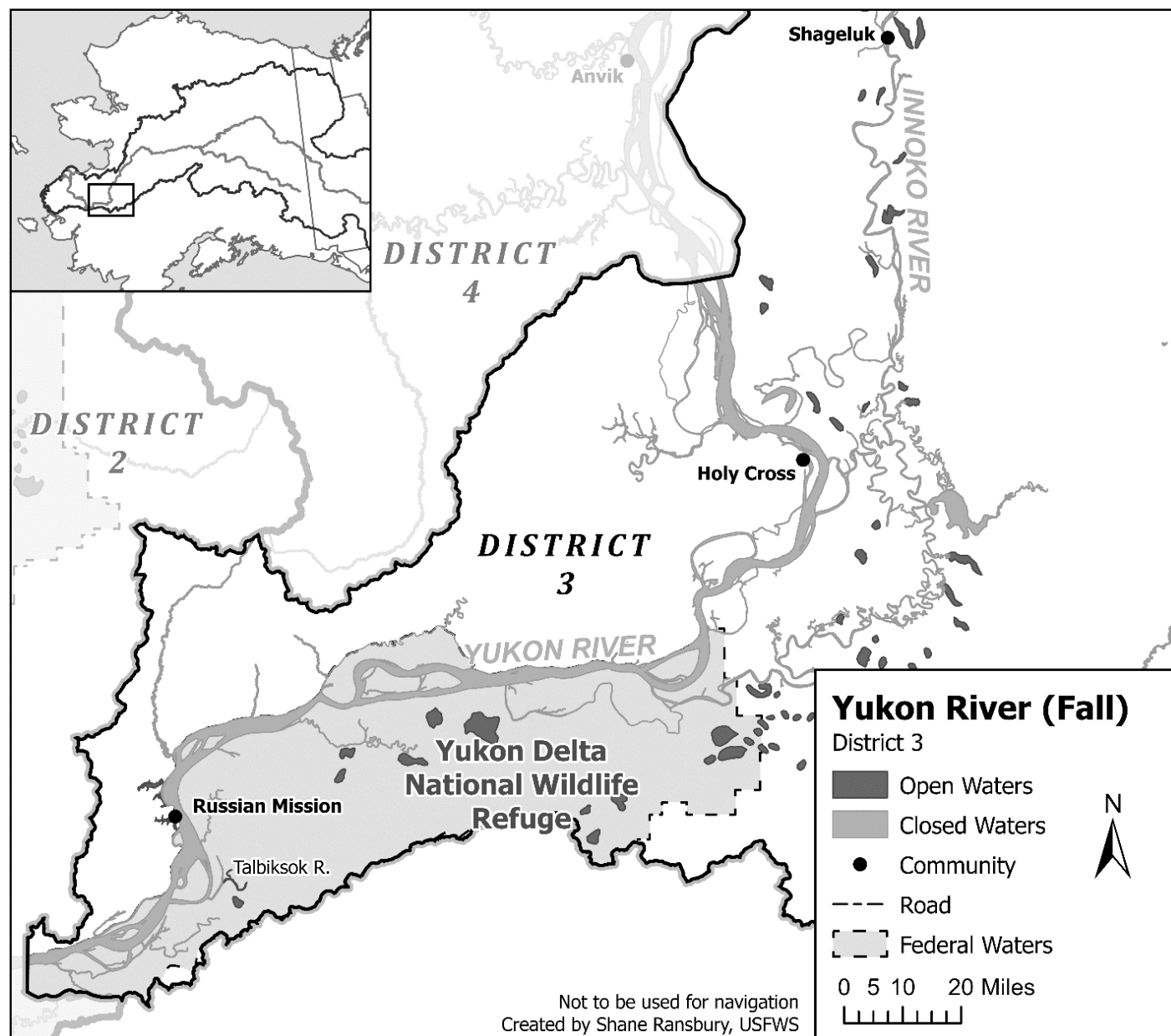


Figure 1.—For District 3, all labeled waterways and all lakes without a closed drainage flowing into them are open to 6-inch set gillnets for nonsalmon (dark gray). Rivers and sloughs that are open to 6-inch nonsalmon fishing (dark grey) have a closure buffer from the mouth to 500 feet upstream of closed areas. **The mainstems of the Yukon and Innoko rivers remain closed to 6-inch mesh gillnets.** Areas that remain closed to 6-inch set gillnets are not named but are shown in light gray.

If there are multiple names for a river or slough, please let us know by contacting the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Emmonak (907-949-1320) until August 25 or Fairbanks (907-459-7274). You can also contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 907-334-5391 or 907-334-5389.

#### **4-inch or Smaller Mesh Gillnet Nonsalmon Opportunity Districtwide**

As previously announced, the opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60-feet or shorter length and manned fish wheels is allowed in all waters of District 3 on a weekly schedule. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh and manned fish wheels may be used to target nonsalmon from noon Thursdays, through noon Sundays, until further notice. Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore. Gillnets cannot block more than ½ width of any waterway. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered than salmon. Fishing with other nonsalmon gears, including hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and beach seine, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets).

#### **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 FSA 2-FC-08-25 with the same fishing schedule and restrictions for all users in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.

Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions) and shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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