



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #16 **Coastal District and Districts 1-6 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Yukon Area

The 2025 Yukon River coho salmon run appears to be stronger than in recent years. The run size is projected to be between 107,000–222,000 coho salmon, compared to a historical average run index of 216,000 fish, and able to support subsistence harvest. Therefore, coho salmon retention in all currently legal gear types will be allowed following restrictions and schedules in effect. The fall chum salmon run is projected to be near 300,000 fish compared to a historical run size of 900,000 fish. Assessment projects will continue to monitor the fall chum and coho salmon runs throughout the migration to determine if there is enough improvement to allow additional fishing opportunities. Whitefish and other nonsalmon subsistence fishing time with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and manned fish wheels remain on a weekend schedule to protect migrating fall chum salmon. Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon with 6-inch gillnets is open in designated nonsalmon areas off the mainstem Yukon, Koyukuk, Tanana rivers only. Please see Fall Season Advisory Announcements #10-#15 for the named lists, GPS coordinates, and maps of these designated areas.

Subsistence Management Actions

All Yukon Management Area Districts except the Upper Tanana Area:

Subsistence fishing for Chinook, chum, and coho salmon is closed. Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with nonlethal or selective gear types including dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Hook and line attached to a rod or pole is a legal subsistence fishing gear type in all districts except in District 6 (Tanana River) and the Koyukuk River subsistence permit area above Bettles. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive.

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.

Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, August 21, coho salmon may be retained using all currently legal gear types on the schedules in effect.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in portions of Subdistricts 5-C and 5-D from the westernmost tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area), from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, and in the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the communities of Wiseman and Coldfoot. Gillnets in the Koyukuk River permit area will not reopen until August 20.

Fishermen are reminded that a subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage), northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats), and all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina. Subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office 907-459-7274 or online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.

In Lake Minchumina and the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats subsistence fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for nonsalmon species remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Note, a subsistence pike permit is required.

In Birch Creek and the subsistence area of Beaver Creek below Moose Creek, gillnet mesh size may not exceed 4 inches.

Upper Tanana Area (the Tanana River from the confluence with the mouth of Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank upstream to the Tanana River headwaters, including Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

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

Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, August 21, coho salmon may be retained using all currently legal gear types 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Fishermen are reminded that a subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage), northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats), and all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina. Subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office 907-459-7274 or online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.

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 FSA 2-FC-12-25 with the same fishing schedule that restricts coho harvest to federally qualified subsistence 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 and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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