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Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #16 Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C and Koyukuk River Closure of all gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Inseason passage estimates of Chinook salmon are below the historic average and it is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met in Alaska or Canada. To protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run as it migrates upriver, all gillnets are being closed from the first quarter point to third quarter point of the run. Quarter point dates are based on historical run timing from recent years. Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed during this 18-day closure, but is limited to non-lethal or selective gear types including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Fish wheels remain closed. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.

Subsistence Management Actions

Fishing for nonsalmon is currently open with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (including Galena and Ruby) and the **Koyukuk River** (including Koyukuk, Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles, Wiseman, and Coldfoot):

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, June 29 until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

In the Koyukuk River above Bettles, including Wiseman, a subsistence fishing permit is required for all species. Gillnet gear in the permit area must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size and cannot be used from 8 p.m. Monday, June 29 until August 20.

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 **ESA 03-KS-11-26** closing all gillnets in waters adjacent to Federal Land. 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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