



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #23

Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Emergency Order Number 3-S-SY-24-26

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Chinook salmon run remains below average and is unlikely to meet the border passage goal of 71,000. As Chinook salmon travel upriver, all gillnet closures will start in the lower, middle and upper portions of Subdistrict 5-D on July 9, July 13, and July 17. The use of gillnets will not be allowed for 18-days between the first and third quarter points of the Chinook salmon run to reduce incidental harvest. These closures are intended to protect Chinook salmon as they migrate to spawning grounds in Canada.

Opportunity to harvest nonsalmon species is allowed with selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. All Chinook salmon must be released alive when possible while using nonsalmon gear.

Assessment projects and management updates will be published in weekly Advisory Announcements (Updates). Daily sonar counts and LYTF test fish numbers will be shared on Facebook (Yukon River Fishing - ADFG) and on the toll-free phone recording: 1-866-479-7387. The ADF&G Emmonak office (907-949-1320) is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In-season salmon management teleconferences hosted by YRDFA will take place Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The call-in number is 1-800-315-6338, and the participation code is Yukon# (98566#).

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):

Subsistence fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

A subsistence 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 Dall River.

Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough, including the Porcupine River, all other adjacent tributaries, and the communities of Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek and Fort Yukon):

Subsistence fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, July 13 until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

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):

Subsistence fishing for salmon is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Friday, July 17 until 8 p.m. Monday, August 3, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border.

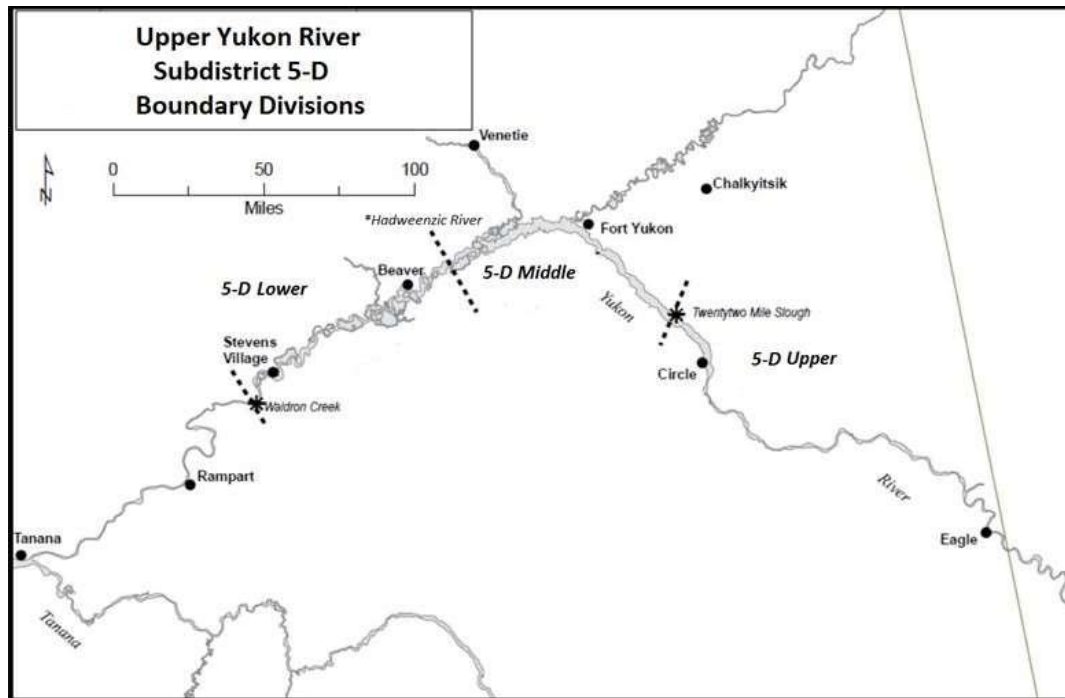


Figure 1. Subdistrict 5-D boundary divisions.

All gillnets must be marked with a buoy that has the fisherman’s first initial, last name, and address. Fishwheels must be marked with the operator’s first initial, last name, and address facing mid-river. In District 5 submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or floats attached to both ends of the net.

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-16-26** closing Chinook salmon fishing and restricting nonsalmon 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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