



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #11 Koyukuk and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-05-26

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

As of August 13, the Yukon River fall chum salmon run is above the lower end of the drainagewide escapement goal (300,000–600,000 fish) at the mid-point of the run. Additionally, the Chinook and summer chum salmon runs are largely complete, and the preliminary 2026 summer chum salmon run is estimated to be just over 1 million fish, which is well within the drainagewide escapement goal of 500,000 to 1.2 million fish. With both summer and fall chum salmon runs meeting their respective drainagewide escapement goals and with Chinook salmon no longer present, subsistence fishing restrictions can be relaxed in tributaries where Canadian-origin fall chum salmon stocks will not be intercepted. Canadian treaty goals are not anticipated to be met even with a run size near the upper end of the escapement goal range, based on previous season's performance of those stocks genetic data of the 2026 run to date. Therefore, the Yukon River mainstem must remain closed to protect Canadian-origin fall chum salmon as they make their way upriver. Historical genetic analysis confirms that the chum salmon present in the Koyukuk and Innoko River drainages are summer chum salmon. Those drainages do not have significant numbers of fall chum salmon, but summer chum salmon migrate through during fall season.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Currently, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive immediately from selective gear types.

Koyukuk River drainage upstream of a line from 64° 53.273' N, 157° 40.760' W, to 64° 53.020' N, 157° 39.887' W (Figure 1) (including the communities of Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles, and Wiseman)

Effective 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 17, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained.

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. Gillnet gear in the permit area must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size and cannot be used until August 20.

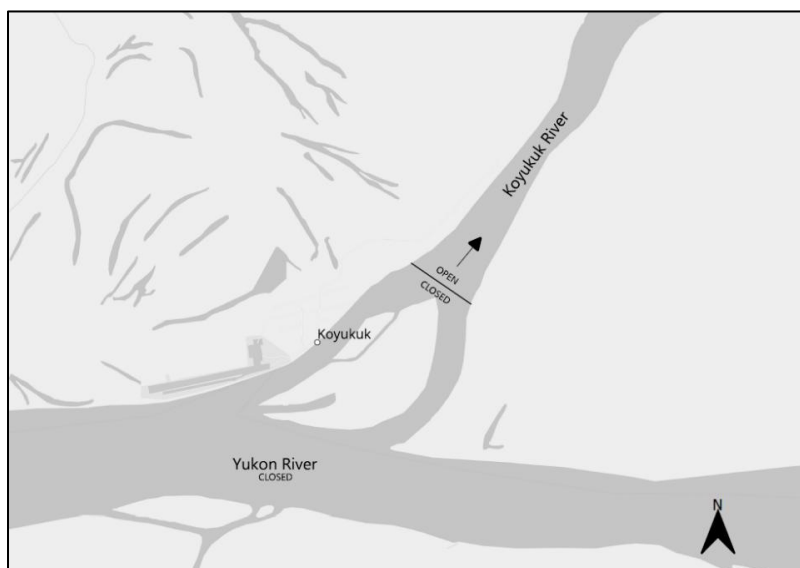


Figure 1.—Subsistence fishing is open in the Koyukuk River drainage upstream of the line depicted above from $64^{\circ} 53.273' \text{ N}$, $157^{\circ} 40.760' \text{ W}$, to $64^{\circ} 53.020' \text{ N}$, $157^{\circ} 39.887' \text{ W}$. The Yukon River mainstem remains closed to 6-inch mesh gillnets.

Innoko River drainage upstream of a line from $62^{\circ} 11.241' \text{ N}$, $159^{\circ} 39.397' \text{ W}$, to $62^{\circ} 11.121' \text{ N}$, $159^{\circ} 39.227' \text{ W}$ (Figure 2) and Paimiut Slough upstream of a line from $61^{\circ} 55.989' \text{ N}$, $160^{\circ} 08.985' \text{ W}$, to $61^{\circ} 55.986' \text{ N}$, $160^{\circ} 08.717' \text{ W}$ (Figure 3) (including the community of Shageluk):

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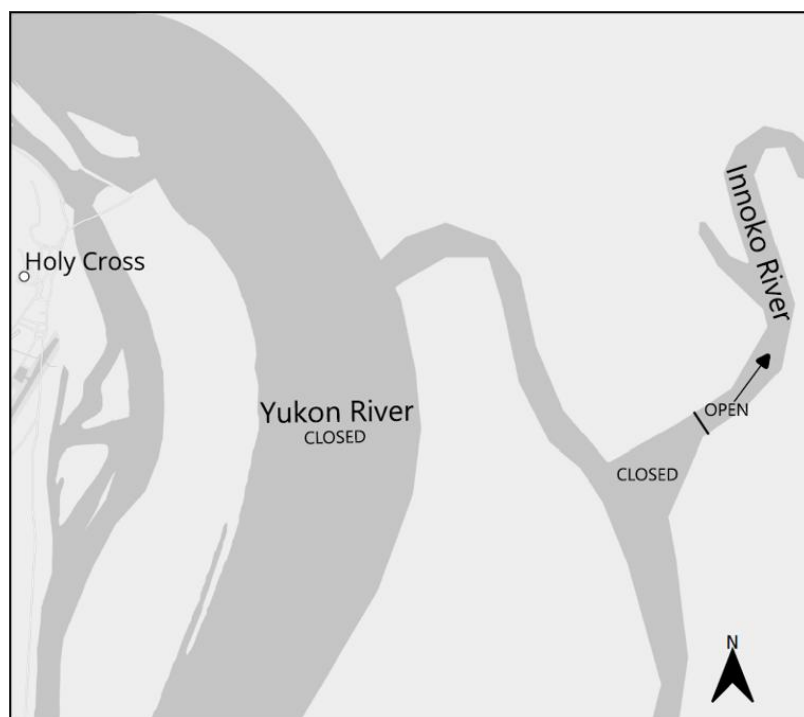


Figure 2.—Subsistence fishing is open in the Innoko River drainage upstream of the line depicted above from $62^{\circ} 11.241' \text{ N}$, $159^{\circ} 39.397' \text{ W}$, to $62^{\circ} 11.121' \text{ N}$, $159^{\circ} 39.227' \text{ W}$. The Yukon River mainstem remains closed to 6-inch mesh gillnets.

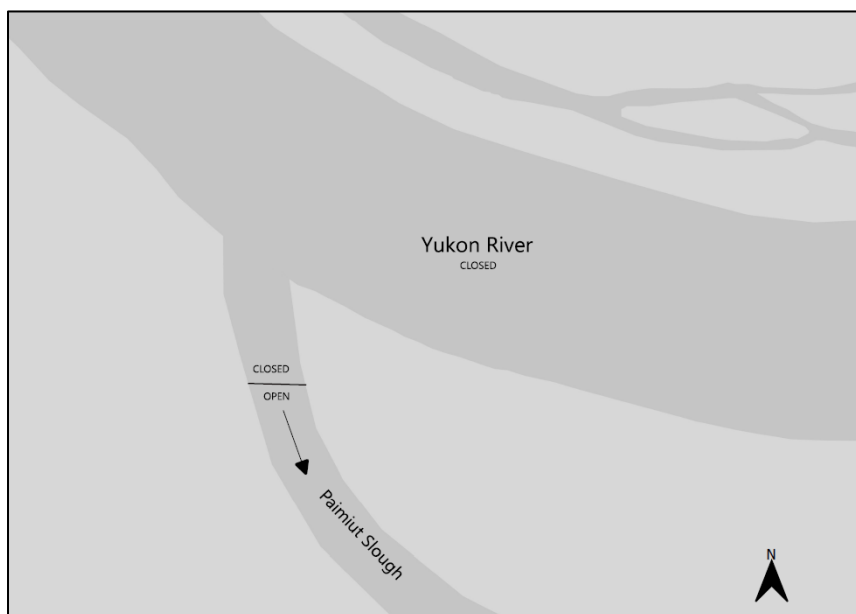


Figure 3.—Subsistence fishing is open in Paimiut Slough upstream of the line depicted above **from 61° 55.989' N, 160° 08.985' W, to 61° 55.986' N, 160° 08.717' W**. The Yukon River mainstem remains closed to 6-inch mesh gillnets.

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 TSA 03-FC-07-26 with the same subsistence opening in the Koyukuk and Innoko River drainages. However, in federal public waters of these drainages, salmon harvest is limited to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. 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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