



Advisory Announcement

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2022 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #3 **District 3 and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2022 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be similar to the 2021 run and may not be strong enough to meet escapement objectives or provide any surplus for harvest. Consistent with the preseason management strategy to take a conservative approach this season, subsistence fishing will be closed during the trickle and first pulse of the Chinook salmon run. This is intended to protect Chinook salmon while more information about the timing and strength of the run is collected. Based on historical data, Chinook salmon are typically caught in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery at Emmonak in early June. Therefore, salmon fishing will close in District 3 on June 7 to account for run timing between districts. The forecast for summer chum salmon is very poor and there is not a projected surplus to allow for harvests, so salmon closures will likely remain in effect through much of the summer season, unless run abundance indicates escapement goals might be met. The Innoko River will remain open at this time to allow for the harvest of sheefish and other nonsalmon species until salmon arrive.

Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used during salmon fishing closures to target nonsalmon. However, due to the conservation concern for Chinook and summer chum salmon, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where nonsalmon species are abundant to avoid incidentally harvesting salmon. While any salmon caught in this gear may be kept, if it appears salmon are being targeted with this gear, it could be further restricted.

The Emmonak office will be open to the public starting on June 6. Hours are Mondays to Fridays 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays 1 pm to 5 pm, closed on Sundays. ADF&G Emmonak office: 907-949-1320.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 3 (including Russian Mission and Holy Cross):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, salmon fishing is closed. Gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon but are restricted to 60 feet maximum length. Dip nets and hook and line are open to nonsalmon fishing, however Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

Other legal gear to take nonsalmon during subsistence salmon fishing closures include hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, hook and line with a rod or pole, and spear.

Innoko River (including Shageluk):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-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 concurrently issued an Emergency Special Action 2-KS-02-22 on May 31, 2022, to close **federal public waters** in the Yukon River drainage to the harvest of salmon beginning June 7 in District 3. For information regarding Federal subsistence fishing regulations contact Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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

The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029. Federal Special Actions will be posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions.



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