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## Advisory Announcement

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Toll free fishing schedule and counts: (866) 479-7387

### 2022 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #11

#### Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 Chinook and summer chum salmon counts at Pilot Station sonar are well below average for this date. 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. Salmon closures will likely remain in effect through much of the summer season, unless run abundance indicates escapement goals might be met.

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is available during salmon closures; however, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered.

Due to the low run sizes, we are encouraging fishermen to target nonsalmon and to release Chinook and summer chum salmon alive from nonsalmon gear types to protect spawning salmon. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and spear.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**Koyukuk River** (including Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna, and Bettles):

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

**Effective 8 p.m. Saturday, June 25 salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets 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 shorter length. Dip nets may be used for nonsalmon; however, Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.**

A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the South and Middle forks of the Koyukuk River above Bettles including the community of Wiseman. Gillnet gear in the permit area may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size. If you are outside the permit area, contact the Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

The Emmonak office is open to the public Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays. ADF&G Emmonak office: (907) 949-1320.

#### 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-07-22 on June 17, 2022, to close **federal public waters** in the Koyukuk River to the harvest of salmon beginning June 25. 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](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions) and shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).



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