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2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #1 **Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Lower Yukon Area districts will begin transitioning to fall season management on July 16. The remaining upriver districts and subdistricts will transition to fall season management as the fall chum salmon migration reaches those areas. Assessment projects will begin counting fall chum salmon on July 16 at the Lower Yukon Test Fishery, July 18 at the Mountain Village Test Fishery, and July 19 at the mainstem sonar near the community of Pilot Station.

The 2022 fall chum salmon run size is anticipated to be critically low. The fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the relationship between summer chum salmon and fall chum salmon run sizes, is for a run size less than 300,000 fish. According to the Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan, the preseason projection does not meet the threshold of 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing. In addition, the projection is unlikely to meet the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon, tributary escapement goals, and Canadian treaty objectives. Therefore, subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon will be closed to begin the fall season.

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 restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Manned fish wheels are an additional gear being provided, where all chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Pink, sockeye, and coho salmon may be retained from current gear. If you are fishing in federal waters for coho salmon, please see the message at the end of this announcement.

Yukon Area advisory announcements and fish counts can be obtained by visiting www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG or www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts. To receive advisory announcements by email, sign up at www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov.

Subsistence Management Actions

Coastal District and District 1 (Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik)

The transition to fall season management begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 16. **Chum and Chinook salmon subsistence fishing will remain closed.** Manned fish wheels, dip nets, and hook and line gear

may be used for pink, sockeye, and coho salmon and nonsalmon; however, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

District 2 (Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, St. Mary's, Pilot Station, and Marshall)

The transition to fall season management begins at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19. **Chum and Chinook salmon subsistence fishing will remain closed.** Manned fish wheels, dip nets, and hook and line gear may be used for pink, sockeye, and coho salmon and nonsalmon; however, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

District 3 and the Innoko River (Russian Mission, Holy Cross, and Shageluk)

The transition to fall season management begins at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 21. **Chum and Chinook salmon subsistence fishing will remain closed.** Manned fish wheels, dip nets, and hook and line gear may be used for pink, sockeye, and coho salmon and nonsalmon; however, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon may not enter a livebox.

As a reminder, gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hook and line with a rod or pole, hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and spear.

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-FC-01-22 on July 14, 2022, to close Federal public waters to the harvest of fall chum in the Coastal District, District 1, 2, and 3 (for the same effective dates as this announcement) beginning July 16. Fishermen must be Federally-qualified subsistence users to harvest coho salmon in Federal public waters. 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.

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