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YUKON AREA END OF FALL SEASON SCHEDULE IN COASTAL DISTRICT, DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Temporary Special Action No: 2-FC-13-25

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska, September 23, 2025

Current restrictions will be rescinded on the following effective date:

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 12:00 p.m. for Coastal District, District 1-3, and the Innoko River

EXPLANATION: The lower Yukon River assessment projects are complete for the season and very few salmon are entering the Yukon River. Subsistence fishing restrictions are being removed starting in the Lower Yukon Area based on fall chum salmon travel time. **This Temporary Special Action announces the date when all Federal action and subsistence restrictions are rescinded in the Yukon River Coastal District, Districts 1-3, and the Innoko River.**

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing remains closed for Chinook and chum salmon. Fishing for coho salmon and nonsalmon with selective gear is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishing with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and manned fishwheels for coho salmon and nonsalmon is allowed from noon Thursdays to noon Sundays. Fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon with 6-inch gillnets is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week in designated, nonsalmon areas off the mainstem river only. Gillnets in all areas are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.

REGULATION:

36 CFR 242.27(e)(3) and 43 CFR 51.27(e)(3) Subsistence taking of fish—Yukon-Northern Area are further amended to read:

*§ __.27(e)(3)(ii) – In Federal public waters of the Yukon River Coastal District, Districts 1-3, and the Innoko River, **all Federal action and subsistence restrictions** (described above) **are rescinded on the following date:***

Effective Thursday, October 9, 12:00 p.m., all Federal action and subsistence restrictions are rescinded. Subsistence fishing opens 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear.

Salmon are not expected to be caught in significant numbers after restrictions are lifted. Please exercise caution when fishing near freeze-up as conditions could be unsafe.

JUSTIFICATION: Escapement goals are not expected to be met for Chinook or chum salmon; therefore, restrictions are necessary for the rest of the salmon season. The coho salmon run size supports limited subsistence harvest. In the lower Yukon River, restrictions and salmon harvest closures are being rescinded in October. Pursuant to Title VIII of ANILCA, this Temporary Special Action **(2-FC-13-25)** rescinds subsistence fishing restrictions when migrating or spawning salmon are not expected to be caught in significant numbers.

This action was taken following coordination with the ADF&G fishery managers. The removal of restrictions announced here match those issued concurrently by ADF&G in state waters (Fall Fishery Advisory Announcements #22). The Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Chairs for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Eastern Interior, Western Interior, and Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Councils were notified as was the Chair and vice-chair of the Yukon River Intertribal Fish Commission. Review was provided by the Office of Subsistence Management.

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