



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #14

District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

After a late start, the summer chum salmon run is beginning to enter the Yukon River. Current projections indicate a commercial surplus is available for harvest. Commercial summer chum salmon fishing with selective gear only (dip nets and beach seines) is beginning in District 1. Chinook salmon are also moving through the river, but projections indicate a very poor return and no surplus for harvest is available for subsistence. Subsistence fishing periods to target summer chum with dip nets and beach seines are being extended. At this time, **no gillnets** are allowed in District 1 (including the Black River), and **all Chinook salmon must be released alive during subsistence and commercial openings with dip nets and beach seines.**

Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer and should check on tender locations prior to fishing. Crewmembers must have a current crewmember license. The phone number to reach CFEC is: 907-789-6150. CFEC permits can be renewed online at: www.cfec.state.ak.us/Leon/#leon

Commercial fishermen must have a signed Shore-based Fishing Operation Protective Measures Acknowledgement form onboard and on file with their processor: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-MANDATE-017-Appendix-02-Acknowledgement-Form-REVISED.pdf>

Commercial fishing

District 1 (along the coast from 1 mile south of the Black River north to Pt. Romanof, and upstream to the Anuk River. The waters within 500 yards of the mouth of the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers are closed to commercial fishing):

Commercial fishing will open for **two 24-hour periods** with dip nets and beach seines from:

8 p.m. Saturday, June 27 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 28

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2

All Chinook salmon must be released alive and recorded on a fish ticket.

Subsistence Management Actions

District 1 and the North Coastal area (from 62 degrees North latitude north to Point Romanof, including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Subsistence fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines from:

2 p.m. Friday, June 26 to 8 a.m. Saturday, June 27 (a previously announced 18-hour period)

8 p.m. Monday, June 29 to 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 1 (36-hour period)

8 p.m. Thursday, July 2 to 8 a.m. Saturday, July 4 (36-hour period)

General Reminders:

During fishing closures, gillnets, dip nets and beach seines are not allowed. Fish wheels may not be operated during closures. The Black River is part of District 1 and is currently restricted to selective gear during openings, with live release of all Chinook salmon.

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.



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Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.