

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## **2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 38 District 5D Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Canadian-origin run size, based on genetic data and the Chinook salmon passage at Pilot Station sonar, was estimated to be about 95,000 fish, which is above the upper end of the pre-season forecast of 69,000 to 99,000 fish. The department has switched to projecting the run size based on inseason passage at the Eagle sonar project and current run timing. The run appears to be about 2 to 3 days later than normal. Therefore, the approximately 16,000 Chinook counted at the Eagle sonar likely represents between 25% and 36% of the expected total passage at the project.

Like most of the river, fishing opportunity has been provided on the front end of the run. However, similar to all other districts, in order to meet escapement goals and harvest share objectives, the regulatory fishing schedule in 5-D will be reduced to half schedule, and gillnets will be restricted to 6-inches or smaller mesh, in order to allow more escapement into Canada.

**Subdistrict 5-D** (including the Porcupine River, other adjacent tributaries, and communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open.

**Effective 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 fishing will close.**

**Effective 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, fishing will reopen on a reduced regulatory schedule of one 84-hour opening per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:**

- **10 a.m. Fridays to 10 p.m. Mondays**

Set gillnets, dip nets, and fish wheels are allowed in District 5. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, gillnets must have 4-inch or smaller mesh.

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