



## Federal Subsistence Board

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### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE CHINOOK SALMON FISHERY CLOSED IN THE STIKINE RIVER

#### EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19  
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

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Emergency Special Action No: 13-KS-02-19

Issued at: Wrangell Alaska, April 03, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent special action

#### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Special Action closes the May 15 – June 20, 2019 Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery in the Stikine River. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the State managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Chinook Salmon. The May 15 – June 20 closure of the Federal subsistence Chinook Salmon fishery does not affect other Stikine River Federal subsistence fisheries beginning June 21, 2018.

**REGULATION:** 50 CFR 100.27(e)(13) (xiii) and 36 CFR 242.27(e)(13) (xiii) are amended to read:

§ \_\_.27(e)(13) (xiii) *You may take Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon in the mainstem of the Stikine River only under the authority of a Federal subsistence fishing permit. Each Stikine River permit will be issued to a household. Only dip nets, spears, gaffs, rod and reel, beach seine, or gillnets not exceeding 15 fathoms in length may be used. The maximum gillnet mesh size is 5 1/2 inches, except during the Chinook season when the maximum gillnet mesh size is 8 inches.*

*(A) You may take **The Chinook salmon fishery is closed from May 15 through June 20.** The annual limit is 5 Chinook salmon per household.*


*(B) You may take sockeye salmon from June 21 through July 31. The annual limit is 40 sockeye salmon per household.*

*(C) You may take coho salmon from August 1 through October 1. The annual limit is 20 coho salmon per household.*

*(D) You may retain other salmon taken incidentally by gear operated under terms of this permit. The incidentally taken salmon must be reported on your permit calendar.*

*(E) Fishing nets must be checked at least twice each day. The total annual guideline harvest level for the Stikine River fishery is 125 Chinook, 600 sockeye, and 400 coho salmon. All salmon harvested, including incidentally taken salmon, will count against the guideline for that species.*

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to

  
VICTORIA E. HOUSER  
*Acting* District Ranger  
Wrangell Ranger District  
April 03, 2019

The 2019 preseason forecast for the Stikine River is 8,250 large Chinook Salmon (greater than 28 inches total length). A run forecast of this size does not provide an Allowable Catch for either the U.S. or Canada as the forecast is below the lower end of the Escapement Goal Range of 14,000 to 28,000 fish. This action is necessary for Chinook Salmon conservation in the Stikine River and to meet obligations of the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

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