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Chignik River Federal Subsistence Fishery for Chinook Salmon

The Federal In-season Manager, pursuant to delegated authority from the Federal Subsistence Board under ANILCA Title VIII section 816, will issue an emergency special action **(8-KS-01-25)** to close fishing for Chinook Salmon to all users, non-federal and Federally qualified users, in Federal public waters of the Chignik River drainage, effective 12:01 a.m. Friday June 20. This action is necessary to ensure the continued viability of the Chignik River Chinook Salmon population. This action prohibits all fishing for Chinook Salmon and they may not be retained or possessed. Chinook Salmon accidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

The biological escapement goal for Chinook Salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The biological escapement goal for Chinook Salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The biological escapement goal has not been achieved in 7 of the last 8 years. With the 2023 weir count being the lowest on record, 267 fish. It is assumed that the 2025 Chinook Salmon escapement goal will not be reached and will be similar to the 2024 season where 1,166 fish were counted at the weir. Through Section 816 of ANILCA, this Emergency Special Action **(8-KS-01-25)** closes fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Federal public waters of the Chignik River drainage due to concerns about the viability of the population.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game fishery managers have implemented restrictions to commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries on May 1, 2025 to conserve Chinook Salmon populations. Effective June 20, this emergency special action **(8-KS-01-25)** will close Chignik River Federal Public waters to the harvest of Chinook Salmon for all users.

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