



Federal Subsistence Board

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YUKON AREA COHO SALMON SUBSISTENCE FISHING FOR ALL DISTRICTS

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Temporary Special Action No: 2-FC-12-25

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska, August 19, 2025

Effective Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Expiration Date: Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 8:00 a.m., unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Temporary Special Action allows retention of coho salmon for subsistence use in the Federal public waters of all Yukon Districts using current legal gear restrictions and schedules. In Federal public waters, the coho salmon harvest opportunity is limited to federally qualified subsistence users only. Federally qualified subsistence users include all permanent rural residents of the Yukon Area and Yukon River drainage (except residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, which is a Nonrural Area).

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 Drainage:*

Coastal District, Districts 1–5, and Subdistrict 6-A:

Currently, fishing for non-salmon with selective gear (such as dip nets and hook and line) is allowed 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Fishing for non-salmon with gillnets of 4-inch and smaller mesh and manned fishwheels is allowed noon Thursdays to noon Sundays.

Effective 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, coho salmon can be retained in all legal gears on the schedules in effect. Coho salmon fishing is limited to federally qualified subsistence users in Federal public waters.

Upper Tanana (including waters in Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve):

Currently, fishing for non-salmon with selective gears, gillnets of 4-inch and smaller mesh, and manned fishwheels is allowed 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Effective 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, coho salmon can be retained in all legal gears 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Coho salmon fishing is limited to federally qualified users in Federal public waters.

Please refer to maps starting on page 4 for Federal public waters. **Subsistence salmon fishing for Chinook and chum salmon remains closed throughout the Yukon River drainage.** Coho, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained. Selective gear includes dip nets, manned fishwheels, hook and line, fyke nets, and beach seines. Non-salmon gillnet restrictions and schedules remain the same as previously announced for each Yukon District. If Chinook or chum salmon are caught while fishing for non-salmon with gillnets, they should be released alive when possible but may be legally retained if dead.

JUSTIFICATION: The fall chum salmon run is unlikely to meet any escapement goals and closures will likely be required for the duration of their migration. The current inseason coho salmon run size projection indicates the run is well above the average and will support subsistence harvest. Pursuant to Title VIII of ANILCA, this Temporary Special Action **(2-FC-12-25)** opens retention of coho salmon in the Federal public waters of the Yukon River drainage. Due to the conservation concern for fall chum salmon and severe restrictions placed on subsistence fishing, fishing for coho salmon is limited to federally qualified subsistence users.

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH: The Yukon River salmon outlooks and management strategies were discussed at a public hearing; the Eastern Interior, Western Interior, and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council meetings; the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA) annual Preseason Fisheries Meeting; at the Yukon River Panel and at the Yukon River Intertribal Fish commission meeting. The Federal manager offered formal Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation meetings with Yukon River drainage Tribal Governments upon request. The Federal fishery outlook and management strategy was sent to all Yukon Tribal and City governments on May 23. Approximately 3,500 copies of the ADF&G and USFWS Preseason Outlook flier were mailed to Yukon River fishing households in May.

This action was taken following coordination with the ADF&G fishery managers. The fishing schedules and/or restrictions announced here match those issued concurrently by the ADF&G in state waters (Fall Fishery Advisory Announcement #16). 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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Yukon River Inseason Fisheries Manager

Northern Alaska Fish and Wildlife Field Office

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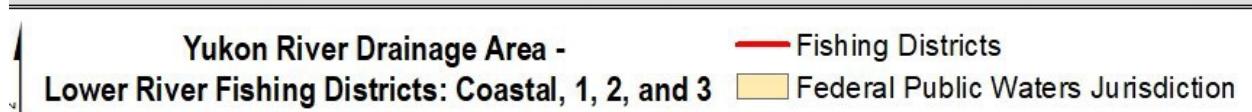
For information concerning State management actions, contact Acting Yukon River Fall Season Manager, Matthew Olson, and Summer Season Manager, Deena Jallen, in Fairbanks at (907) 459-7274 or in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320. For fishing restrictions, schedules and counts for your area please call the toll-free recording: 1-866-479-7387

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See Below for Detailed Maps of Federal Public Waters in the Yukon River Drainage:

Communities and streams adjacent to the boundary of Federal lands are part of Federal waters, even on the opposite side of the river.

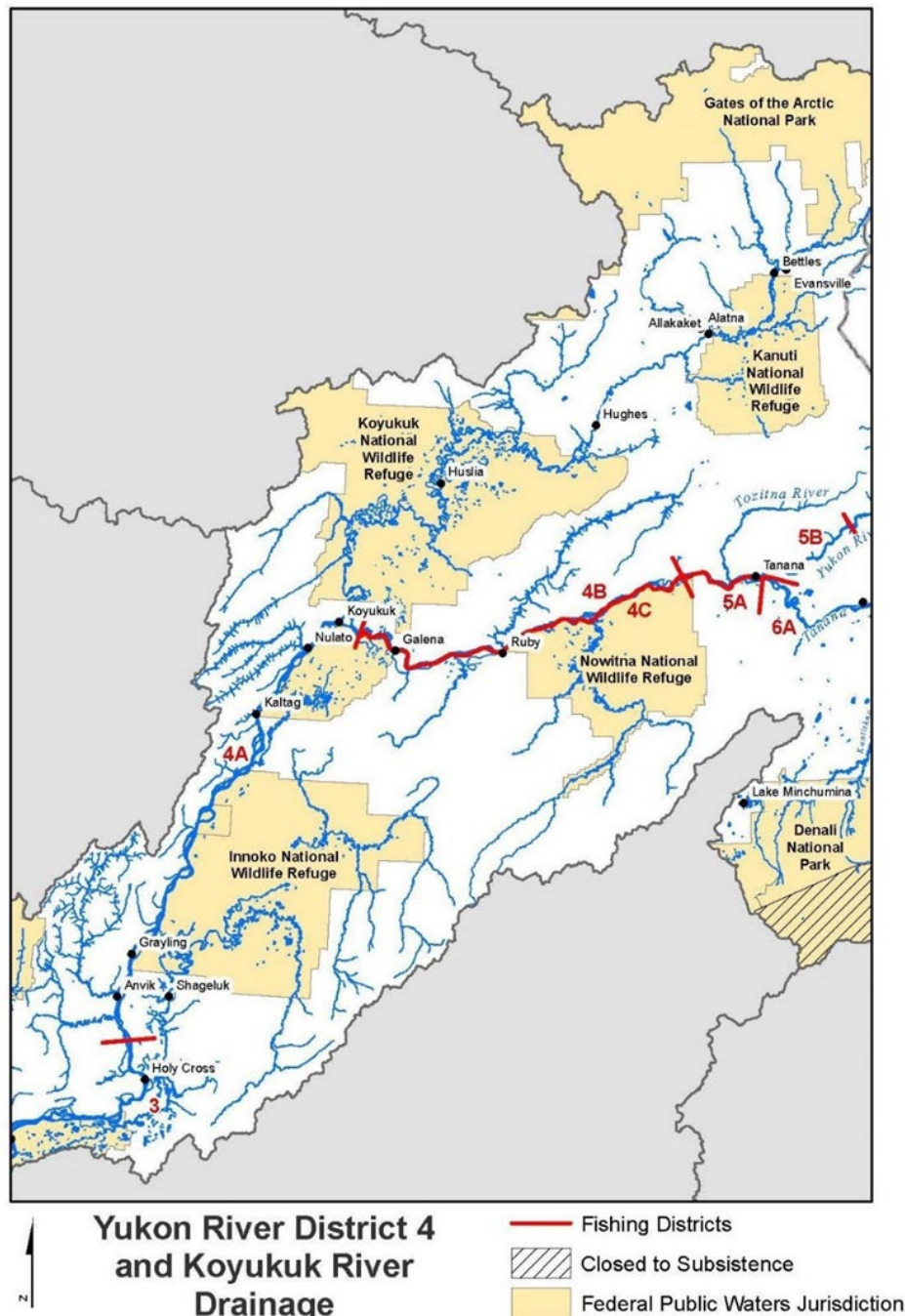


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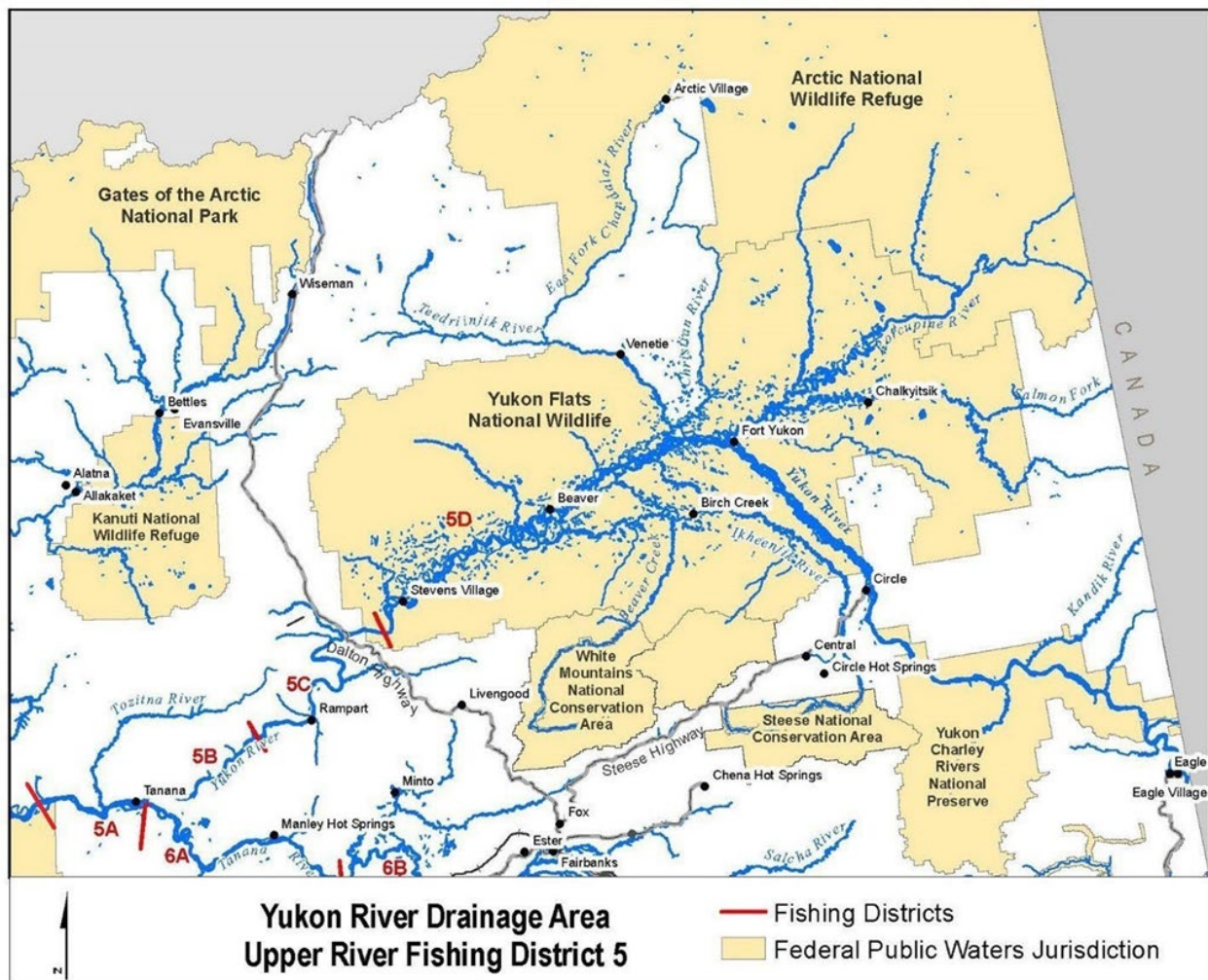


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Within the mainstem Yukon River in District 4, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena and Ruby are in Federal waters and Anvik and the Anvik River are in State waters. Within the Koyukuk River, Huslia falls within Federal waters and Hughes, Alatna, Allakaket, Bettles, Evansville, Coldfoot and Wiseman are in State waters.

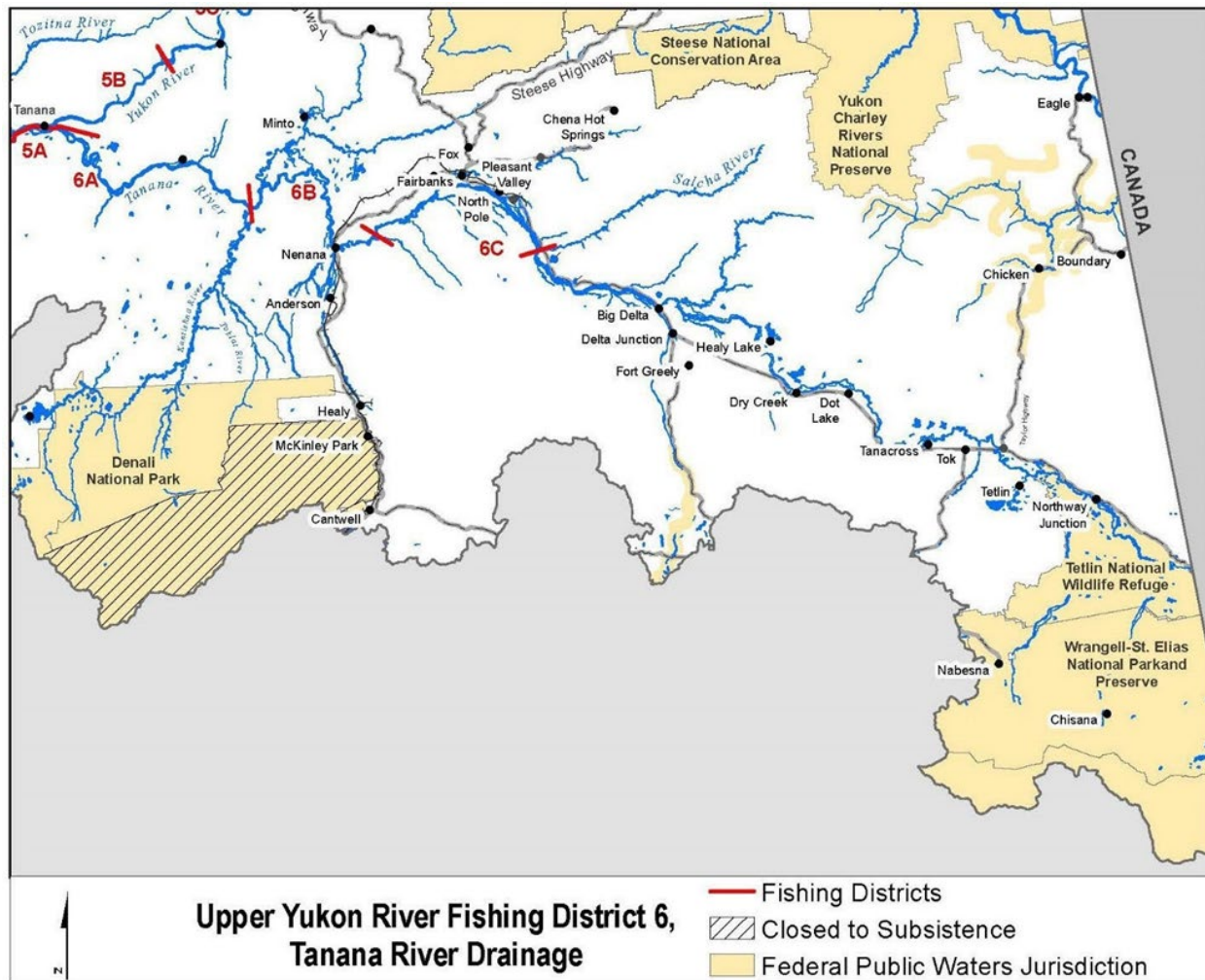


In District 5, the communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik are in Federal Waters. Tanana, Rampart, Circle and Eagle are in State waters.



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In District 6 (Tanana River), Northway, Nabesna and Chisana are in Federal waters. Manley, Minto, Nenana, Fairbanks, North Pole, Delta Junction, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tok, and Tetlin are in State waters.

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