



Federal Subsistence Board

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Yukon Area End of Fall Season Schedule in the Coastal District through District 4

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: 03-FC-13-26

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Current Emergency and Temporary Special Actions will be rescinded on the following dates:

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 8:00 a.m. for Coastal District, District 1–3, Subdistrict 4-A, and the Innoko and Koyukuk River drainages

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 8:00 a.m. for Subdistrict 4-BC

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Special Action removes subsistence fishing restrictions and allows subsistence harvest of salmon in the Coastal District through District 4 of the Yukon River drainage, including the mainstem. Subsistence fishing for salmon is allowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear.

REGULATION:

*Pursuant to the special actions in effect, [03-FC-01-26](#), [03-FC-02-26](#), [03-FC-03-26](#), [03-FC-04-26](#), [03-FC-07-26](#), [03-FC-08-26](#), and [03-FC-09-26](#), Chinook, chum, and coho salmon fishing is currently closed to all users in the mainstem of the Yukon River drainage. Fishing for non-salmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is allowed from noon Thursdays to noon Sundays. Several special actions are applied in the tributaries to allow harvest of salmon and non-salmon species. Salmon harvest in open areas is limited to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. **The following regulation removes all subsistence salmon fishing harvest closures, gear restrictions and schedules, and allows the use of 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target all species of fish.***

36 CFR 242.27(e)(3) and 43 CFR 51.27(e)(3) Subsistence taking of fish—Yukon-Northern Area is amended to read:

§ __.27(e)(3)(ii) *In federal public waters of the following Yukon River drainage areas:*

Coastal District, District 1, District 2, District 3, Subdistrict 4-A, and the Innoko and Koyukuk River drainages:

Effective 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, all federal actions and subsistence fishing restrictions are rescinded. Subsistence fishing opens 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear. All fish caught may be retained.

Subdistrict 4-BC:

Effective 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, all federal actions and subsistence fishing restrictions are rescinded. Subsistence fishing opens 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear. All fish caught may be retained.

JUSTIFICATION:

We are nearing the end of the fall salmon runs entering the Yukon River. The run strength of coho salmon improved and there is no longer a conservation concern that would require limiting subsistence harvest of coho salmon. The fall chum salmon run met the drainage-wide escapement goal. The Canadian-origin fall chum salmon proportion is slightly better than in recent years, and current projections indicate we could meet the border escapement goal of 70,000 to 104,000 fish. However, our projections do not include a large enough buffer to calculate an allowable catch of Canadian-origin fish that would be easy to achieve with our limited management precision. Currently up through District 4, the fall chum salmon run is nearly complete, and it is no longer necessary to limit salmon fishing in federal public waters to federally qualified subsistence users; therefore, we are relaxing management to the default overwinter regulation. Upriver districts will be opened accordingly based on migration timing.

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH:

This action was taken in coordination with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The fishing schedules announced here match those issued concurrently by the ADF&G in State waters (**Fall Fishery Advisory Announcement #19**). 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 Executive Director of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Review was provided by the Office of Subsistence Management.

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