



Federal Subsistence Board

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Yukon Area End of Fall Season Schedule in Subdistrict 5-ABC

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: 03-FC-14-26 Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska, September 14, 2026

Current Emergency and Temporary Special Actions will be rescinded on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m. for Subdistricts 5-A and 5-B

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 8:00 a.m. for Subdistrict 5-C

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Special Action removes subsistence fishing restrictions and allows subsistence harvest of salmon in Subdistrict 5-ABC 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-05-26](#) 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:

Subdistricts 5-A and 5-B:

Effective 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, all federal actions and subsistence fishing restrictions are rescinded.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 5-C:

Effective 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20, all federal actions and subsistence fishing restrictions are rescinded.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 in 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, the Canadian-origin projections do not include a large enough harvestable surplus for directed fishing on those stocks at this time. Assessment of the Canadian-origin fall chum escapement is ongoing. Currently up through Subdistrict 5-ABC, 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 or projected escapement success.

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 #21**). 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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