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## Federal Waters of the Koyukuk River Closed to Subsistence Salmon Fishing

The Federal In-season Manager, pursuant to delegated authority from the Federal Subsistence Board under Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA Title VIII section 816), has issued an emergency special action (**2-KS-07-22**) closing Federal public waters of the Koyukuk River (a tributary of the Yukon River) to the harvest of Chinook and summer Chum salmon, effective 8 pm, Saturday, June 25 until August 20.

This action is being taken because the 2022 Yukon River Chinook and summer Chum salmon runs are forecasted to be poor with little to no harvestable surplus available for subsistence uses. ANILCA allows for the closure to subsistence uses “to assure the continued viability of a particular fish or wildlife population.” The current management strategy follows consultation with Yukon River Tribal Governments and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) fishery managers. The Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Chairs for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; Eastern Interior; Seward Peninsula; and Western Interior Regional Advisory councils were also notified, and review was provided by the Office of Subsistence Management.

ADF&G managers have implemented salmon fishing closures effective for the non-Federal public waters of these areas at the same time. Fishing for non-salmon species with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be allowed under State and Federal regulations during salmon fishing closures; however, net length is restricted to a maximum of 60 feet. If a Chinook or Chum salmon is caught in 4-inch mesh gillnets, it should be released alive if possible, or if dead, may be kept. If fishermen are encountering salmon in a particular area, they should move their net and avoid areas where salmon are running. Other non-salmon gear types, including dip net, hook and line, longline, jigging gear, hand line, beach seine, fyke net, spear, or lead may be used to fish for non-salmon species all year, even during salmon fishing closures, but all Chinook and summer Chum salmon caught must be released alive from these gears. Pink Salmon or Sockeye Salmon may be retained in these gears if caught. Fish wheels may not be operated during salmon fishing closures.

For additional information concerning Yukon River Federal Special Actions contact Yukon River Federal Manager Holly Carroll at (907) 351-3029.

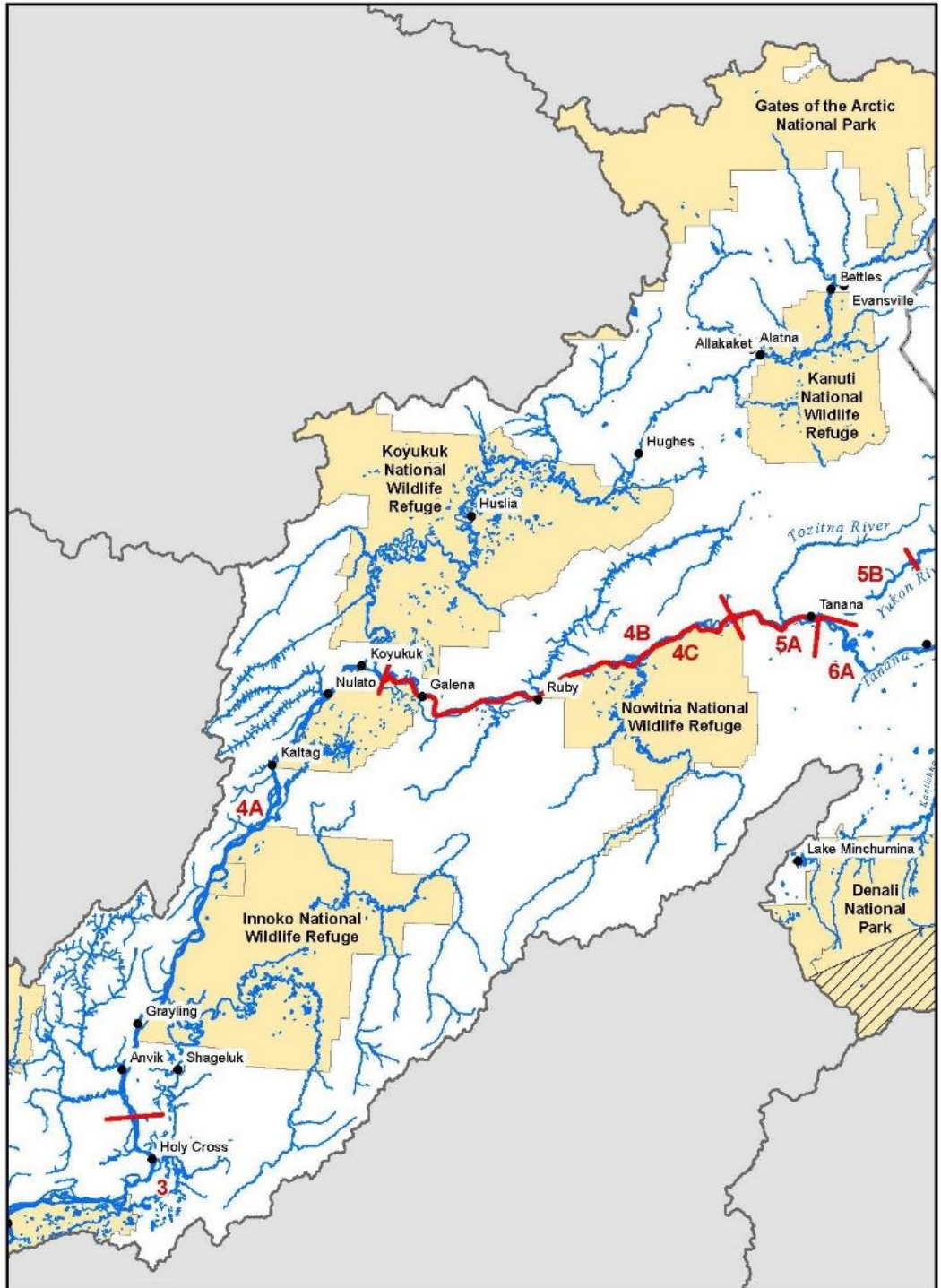
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For information concerning State management actions, contact Yukon River Summer Season Manager, Deena Jallen in Fairbanks at (907) 459-7274 or in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320.

The map below shows District 4 Federal public waters (yellow shaded areas) of the Yukon Drainage and the Koyukuk River (which originates in District 4).



**Yukon River District 4  
and Koyukuk River  
Drainage**



- Fishing Districts
- Closed to Subsistence
- Federal Public Waters Jurisdiction

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