

# THE STATE OF ALASKA PRIORITIZES COMMERCIAL SALMON HARVEST OVER SUSTAINABLE ESCAPEMENTS & SUBSISTENCE, IN VIOLATION OF ITS OWN STATUTES & POLICIES

**STATE OF ALASKA PRIORITIES IN STATUTE & POLICY: STATE OF ALASKA PRIORITIES IN PRACTICE:**



For decades, the actions of ADF&G & the AK Board of Fish have prioritized commercial harvest of chum & Chinook in Area M over meeting AYK escapement goals and providing subsistence opportunities.

The State of Alaska Manages both the Area M Commercial Harvest and the Yukon River subsistence harvest, but recent policies show which fishery gets priority...

From 2023-2025, while the Yukon River was completely *closed to subsistence fishing* within the State of Alaska, the Area M fishery was *open for commercial harvest*...



### AREA M:

**32,430 Chinook Salmon sold**  
**3,010,300 Chum harvested & sold**

- Fishing openers averaged 88-hours per opener
- **UNLIMITED** Chinook harvest and **UN-ENFORCED** cap on chum capture

### YUKON RIVER:

**0 Chinook harvest**  
**0 chum harvest**

- Subsistence salmon fishing is **completely closed**.
- **FAILURE** to meet Chinook & chum escapement goals
- Failure to meet international treaty obligations

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