



Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #19 Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B and Subdistrict 5-A Subsistence Fishing

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon remains closed within the entire Yukon Area because the 2020 fall chum salmon run projection remains below the 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing following the Yukon River Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan. To provide more subsistence fishing opportunity on fish bound for the Tanana River, subsistence fishermen may use selective gear (live-release (manned) fish wheels and dip nets) to target other salmon and non-salmon fish species. **All fall chum salmon caught using the selective gear must be released alive immediately and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel.**

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller, with a frame 5 feet or smaller between the two farthest points. Fish wheels are encouraged to be "fish-friendly" to include basket sides and bottoms made of a soft material like seine web; and a padded chute to return fall chum salmon to the water immediately.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B and Old Minto Area (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the Wood River, including Manley, Minto, and Nenana), **Kantishna River**, and **Subdistrict 5-A** (Tanana):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed until further notice. Fishermen may use 4 inch or less gillnet gear to target non-salmon species.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 29, subsistence fishermen may also use live-release (manned) fish wheels and dip nets to target other salmon and non-salmon fish species. A fall chum salmon caught in selective gear must be released alive immediately and bypass any livebox on a fish wheel.

In the Tanana River up to the Wood River (Kantishna River and Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B) a subsistence permit is required for salmon fishing. Permits are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.

A reminder that Subdistrict 5-A is along the **south bank only** and begins at a point opposite the westernmost edge of Illinois Creek upstream along the south bank of the river to the easternmost edge of the Tanana River mouth and includes the following islands: Second, Corbusier, Sixmile, Deet'laa', Swanson, Blind, Basco, Sword, Leonard, Still, Tanana, and Mission.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.



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