



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #9 District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

District 6 is transitioning to fall season management. Based on inseason assessment, the fall chum salmon run size is projected to be below the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000-600,000 fish. Fishermen should expect fall chum salmon fishing closures for the remainder of the season.

Subsistence Management Actions

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

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels for summer chum, pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

Effective 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, subsistence fishing for chum salmon will close. Dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels may be used for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately.

In Lake Minchumina and the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

A subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B and for northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats.

Upper Tanana Area (the Tanana River from the confluence with the mouth of Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank upstream to the Tanana River headwaters, including Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

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A subsistence fishing permit is required for all species in the Upper Tanana Area.

Nonsalmon Subsistence Fishing

The opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length is allowed. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include manned fish wheels, hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. If closures are in place for a salmon species, they must be released alive immediately from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets). If you are fishing outside of a permit area, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274 for a subsistence harvest calendar.

Personal Use Management Actions

Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Salmon Fishery (a portion of the Tanana River drainage between the regulatory markers at the mouths of the Wood and Salcha rivers, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

Personal Use fishing for summer chum salmon is open with dip nets and manned fish wheels from 6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays, and 6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays. All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. A Personal Use Salmon Permit and sport fishing license are required.

Effective 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, Personal Use Salmon Fishing will close.

Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing

Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (a portion of the Tanana River drainage from the Wood River upstream to the mouth of the Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank, which includes Fairbanks, North Pole, Salcha, and Delta Junction):

Subject to permit stipulations, Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing with manned fish wheels, 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets limited to 60 feet in length, and other gear is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. A Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Permit and sport fishing license are required.

Effective 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing will close with manned fishwheels and gillnets.

Fishing permits and sport licenses are available from the ADF&G Fairbanks office 907-459-7274 or online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.

Federal Special Action

ADF&G and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has issued a separate Federal special action FSA 2-FC-05-24 with the same fishing schedule that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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