



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #19 Districts 4-6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

As fall chum and coho salmon runs are nearing completion, subsistence fishing restrictions are being removed in most areas based on fall chum salmon travel time. As the drainagewide and tributary escapement goals for fall chum salmon were not met, the Koyukuk, Teedriinjik, Porcupine, Kantishna, and Nenana River drainages will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December to protect active spawning fall chum and coho salmon.

Subsistence Management Actions

Districts 4-6:

Currently, subsistence fishing for chum and coho salmon is closed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon **12:01 am Fridays through 11:59 p.m. Sundays. All gillnets are closed Mondays through Thursdays.** Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated near shore.

Effective at the dates and times listed below, subsistence fishing for all species will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal salmon gear. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

District 4

Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 9** in Subdistrict 4-A Lower (Anvik and Grayling).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 14** in Subdistrict 4-A Upper (Kaltag, Nulato and Koyukuk).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 16** in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (Galena and Ruby).

Closed area: The Koyukuk River drainage will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December 31. Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter). In the subsistence permit area of South Fork and the Middle Fork of the Koyukuk River, gillnet gear may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size.

District 5

Effective **8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 20** in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (Tanana and Rampart).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 26** in Subdistrict 5-D Lower (Stevens Village and Beaver).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30** in Subdistrict 5-D Middle and Upper (Birch Creek, Fort Yukon, Central, Circle, and Eagle).

Closed area: The Porcupine and Teedriinjik river drainages will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December 31. Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter).

District 6

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

Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30** in District 6 (Manley, Minto, Old Minto, Nenana, Healy, Cantwell, Lake Minchumina, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna) subsistence fishing restrictions will be relaxed.

Closed area: The Kantishna and Nenana river drainages, excluding Lake Minchumina, will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December 31. Effective **8:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter).

A subsistence permit is required to fish year-round for all species in the South Fork Koyukuk River upstream of Jim River and the Middle Fork Koyukuk River, in Subdistrict 5-C, a portion of Subdistrict 5-D from two miles below Waldron Creek to the mouth of the Dall River, a portion of Subdistrict 5-D from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, and the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence permit is also required to fish for northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats. Permits are available at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store.

Personal Use Management Actions

Personal Use Salmon Fishing:

Subdistrict 6-C (from the regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the downstream mouth of the Salcha River, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

Personal Use Salmon Fishing is closed.

Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing:

Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (including 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):

Personal use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels is closed. Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers remains open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, subject to permit stipulations. Only whitefish and suckers may be retained.

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 30**, personal use whitefish and sucker fishing will open with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets limited to 60 feet or shorter.

A personal use whitefish and sucker permit and a current sport fish license are required. Contact the Fairbanks office at (907) 459-7274 for a permit application.

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-08-24, FSA 2-FC-09-24, and FSA 2-FC-10-24 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.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS. Federal Special Actions are posted on www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions and shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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