



Advisory Announcement

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2024 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #23 Tanana River Subsistence and Personal Use selective gear opening

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As of July 11, over 691,000 summer chum salmon have passed Pilot Station sonar and the run is within the drainagewide escapement goal of 500,000 to 1,200,000 fish. Based on travel timing, summer chum salmon from the second and third pulses will be arriving in Subdistrict 6-A (Manley) starting on July 20. At Pilot Station sonar the first and second pulses of summer chum salmon were 155,477 and 185,231 fish.

To allow for the subsistence harvest of summer chum salmon, fishing will open with selective gear types. Summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon and nonsalmon may be retained from dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels. Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and ensure any Chinook salmon caught in selective or nonsalmon gear types are released alive so they may continue upriver to their spawning grounds. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being targeted while fishing for summer chum with selective gear types, fishing will be further restricted.

Nonsalmon gillnet gear is also reopening after being closed for a two-week period. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Other nonsalmon gear types remain open, including fyke net, spear, hand line, lead, longline, spear, dip net, and beach seine. Chinook salmon must be released alive from all nonsalmon and selective gear types.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistrict 6-A and Kantishna River (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the eastern edge of the mouth of the Kantishna River, including the Kantishna River drainage, Lake Minchumina, and Manley):

As previously announced, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 21. After 8 p.m. Sunday, July 21, gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 21, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Gear types remaining open all season for nonsalmon species include dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

In Lake Minchumina subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Subdistrict 6-B and Old Minto Area (from eastern edge of the Kantishna River upstream to the Wood River, including Minto and Nenana):

As previously announced, all gillnets must be removed from the water for a two-week period until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23. After 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Gear types remaining open all season for nonsalmon species include dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

In 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 pike permit is required, see details below.

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):

As previously announced, salmon fishing is closed and fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net. Nets should be set near shore.

Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, fishing with selective gear types (dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Gear types remaining open all season for nonsalmon species include dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

A reminder to fishermen that a subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistrict 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage), northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats), and all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina.

All gillnets must be marked with a buoy, float, or keg that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address. In District 6, submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible float attached to both ends of the net, plus a third in the middle if the net is over 60 feet in length.

Personal Use Management Actions

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):

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 26, personal use fishing will open with dip nets and live release fish wheels only on the regulatory schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from:

6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays

6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Fish wheels must be closely attended.

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, effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 26, Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with fish wheels and gillnets will reopen and gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh, 60 feet or less in length, may be used. Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers in this area remains open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.

A reminder to personal use fishermen that a personal use salmon permit is required to fish for salmon in Subdistrict 6-C and a personal use whitefish and sucker permit is required to fish for these species in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. Both permits require a valid sport fishing license. Subsistence harvest calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office 907-459-7274 or online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/.

Federal Special Action

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (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-KS-16-24 with the same fishing schedule for Federal public waters of the Yukon Area. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



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