



## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **2025 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #15** **District 6 Nonsalmon Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon species with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will be allowed in designated areas off the mainstem river where salmon are not known to be migrating or spawning. These areas were identified using local knowledge shared with management agencies and by using the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Anadromous Waters Catalog. Subsistence fishing for fall chum and coho salmon remains closed and whitefish subsistence fishing opportunity with 4-inch or smaller gillnets and manned fish wheels in the mainstem Tanana River has been reduced to protect migrating salmon. The designated areas for targeting whitefish and other nonsalmon species with 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets are listed below.

#### **Subsistence Management Actions:**

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

Chinook, chum, and coho salmon fishing remains closed. Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with nonlethal or selective gear types including dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive.

#### **6-inch or Smaller Mesh Gillnet Nonsalmon Opportunity in Designated Areas**

**Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, August 17, subsistence fishing with set gillnets will open in the rivers, sloughs, and lakes without a closed drainage flowing into them that are listed below and shown in the map (Figure 1), until further notice. Set gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh and 60-feet or shorter in length. This is to provide an opportunity to harvest whitefish and other nonsalmon species. Gillnets cannot block more than ½ width of any waterway.**

The following areas are open with 6-inch set gillnets for whitefish and other nonsalmon species only, opportunities **from 500-feet upstream of a closed area**. Nets must be set upstream of the coordinates listed below.

<i>Whitefish/Nonsalmon Area</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Birch Creek (near Tanana)	65° 05.564' N	151° 50.082' W
Chitanana River	64° 55.423' N	151° 31.968' W
Dugan Creek	64° 55.727' N	150° 20.249' W
Fish Creek (near Tanana)	65° 04.719' N	151° 37.335' W
Green Slough	65° 05.290' N	151° 48.200' W
Hay Slough	65° 09.782' N	151° 56.821' W
Hot Springs Slough (near Manley Hot Springs)	64° 58.775' N	150° 48.647' W
Patterson Creek	65° 00.521' N	151° 31.118' W
Tatlanika Creek	64° 35.005' N	148° 40.576' W
Tolovana River drainage*	64° 51.144' N	149° 50.011' W
Totatlanika River	64° 33.684' N	148° 45.852' W
Totchaket Slough	64° 47.076' N	149° 11.787' W
Williams Slough	64° 58.298' N	151° 30.201' W
Zitziana River	64° 58.107' N	150° 30.424' W

\*Note the Tolovana River drainage includes Swanneck Slough, and Chatanika and Tatalina rivers.

If there are multiple names for a river or slough, please let us know by contacting the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Emmonak (907-949-1320) until August 25 or Fairbanks (907-459-7274). You can also contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 907-334-5391 or 907-334-5389.

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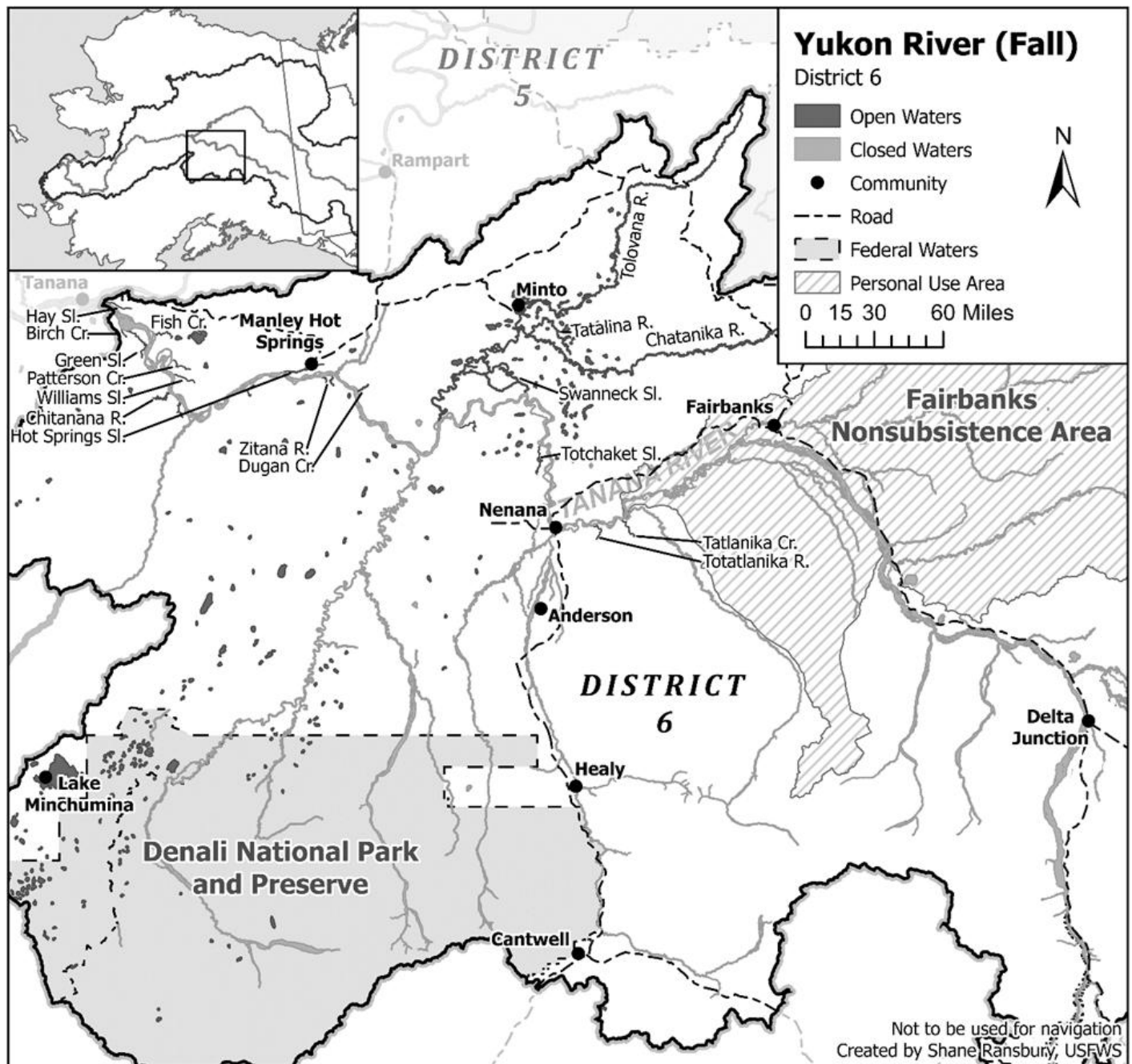


Figure 1.— For a section of District 6, all labeled waterways and all lakes without a closed drainage flowing into them are open to 6-inch set gillnets for nonsalmon (dark gray). Rivers and sloughs that are open to 6-inch nonsalmon fishing (dark grey) have a closure buffer from the mouth to 500 feet upstream of closed areas. **The Tanana River mainstem remains closed to 6-inch mesh gillnets.** Areas that remain closed to 6-inch set gillnets are not named but are shown in light gray.

#### 4-inch or Smaller Mesh Gillnet Nonsalmon Opportunity

As previously announced, the opportunity to harvest nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60-feet or shorter length and manned fish wheels is allowed on a weekly schedule. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh and manned fish wheels may be used to target nonsalmon from noon Thursdays, through noon Sundays, until further notice. Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore. Gillnets cannot block more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  width of any waterway. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered than salmon. Fishing with other nonsalmon gears,

including hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and beach seine, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Chinook, chum, and coho salmon must be released alive from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets).

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 including the Kantishna River drainage 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):

**Fishing is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other selective gear types, including hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, and beach seine. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive immediately.**

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

### **Personal Use Management Actions**

Personal Use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C is closed, and periods are cancelled until further notice.

### **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):

**Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels follows the Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use salmon fishing schedule and is closed until further notice.** Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers in this area remains open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, subject to permit stipulations.

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.

### **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-FC-11-25 with the same fishing schedule and restrictions for all 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 will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions) and shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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