



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #23 Districts 4-6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

As the fall chum and coho salmon migrations 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 are not projected to be met, the Koyukuk, Teedriinjik, Porcupine, Kantishna, and Nenana River drainages will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December to protect active spawning areas used by fall chum salmon.

Subsistence Management Actions

Districts 4, 5, 6-A, and 6-B:

Currently, subsistence fishing for chum salmon is closed. Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon and coho salmon is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with nonlethal or selective gear types including dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller and manned fish wheels may be used from **noon Thursdays through noon Sundays and are closed the remainder of the week. Subsistence fishing for whitefish and other nonsalmon with 6-inch gillnets is open in designated, nonsalmon areas off the mainstem river only. Please see Fall Season Advisory Announcements #13-#15 for the named lists, GPS coordinates, and maps of these designated whitefish harvest areas.** Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net 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 subsistence fishing gear. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

District 4

Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 16 in Subdistrict 4-A** (Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk).

Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 23 in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C** (Galena and Ruby).

Closed area: The Koyukuk River drainage will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing until 11:59 p.m. on December 31. Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon and coho salmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter) and manned fish wheels. 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 **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 23** in Subdistricts **5-A, 5-B, and 5-C** (Tanana and Rampart).

Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30** in Subdistrict **5-D** (Stevens Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Fort Yukon, Central, Circle, and Eagle).

Closed area: The Porcupine and Teedriinjik river drainages will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing until 11:59 p.m. on December 31. Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon and coho salmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter) and manned fish wheels.

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B

Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30** in Subdistricts **6-A and 6-B** (Manley, Minto, Old Minto, Nenana, Healy, Cantwell, and Lake Minchumina).

Closed area: The Kantishna and Nenana river drainages, excluding Lake Minchumina, will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing until 11:59 p.m. on December 31. Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30**, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon and coho salmon will be relaxed to 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (60 feet or shorter) and manned fish wheels.

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.

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 the Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna).

Currently, subsistence fishing for chum salmon is closed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh and manned fish wheels may be used 24 hours a day, seven days per week, until further notice. Nets are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore. Fishing for nonsalmon with selective gear types, including dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net, remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Effective **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30**, 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 subsistence fishing gear. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

As a reminder, a subsistence fishing 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 in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence fishing 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 **12:00 p.m. noon Thursday, October 30**, personal use whitefish and sucker fishing will open with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets limited to 60 feet or shorter and manned fish wheels.

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 2-FC-14-25 and 2-FC-15-25 with the same schedule and dates that actions will be lifted. 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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