



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #18 **District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule** **Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-07-26**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As of August 31, the Yukon River fall chum salmon run is projecting to be greater than 900,000 fish, well above the upper end of the drainagewide escapement goal range of 300,000–600,000 fish. With the fall chum salmon run projecting to meet both its drainagewide escapement goal and Alaska tributary escapement goals, subsistence fishing restrictions can be relaxed in the Tanana River.

The 2026 Yukon River coho salmon run appears to be weaker than average but able to support subsistence harvest. The run size is projected to be between 107,000–138,000 coho salmon, compared to a historical average run index of 212,000 fish. Therefore, coho salmon fishing will be allowed in District 6 with the following restrictions and schedules.

Subsistence Management Actions:

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

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, subsistence fishing for chum and coho salmon with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear types, will open on the regulatory schedule of two 42 hour periods per week, from:

6:00 p.m. Mondays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Fridays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Sundays

Kantishna River:

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, subsistence fishing for chum and coho salmon with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear types, will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Old Minto Area:

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, subsistence fishing for chum and coho salmon with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear types, will open on the regulatory schedule of five days per week per week, from:

6:00 p.m. Fridays to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

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):

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, subsistence fishing for chum and coho salmon will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear types. including fish wheels, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. All fish caught may be retained.

Fishermen are reminded 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.

Personal Use Management Actions

Subdistrict 6-C (Personal use fishery 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):

Currently, personal Use fishing for chum salmon is open with dip nets and manned fish wheels on a schedule of two 42-hour periods per week.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, personal use fishing for chum and coho salmon will open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, dip nets, and fish wheels on a schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from:

6:00 p.m. Mondays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Fridays to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Sundays

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 is open on the Personal Use Salmon fishing schedule listed above 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 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.

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 TSA 03-FC-12-26 with the same fishing schedule and restrictions in waters adjacent to Federal Land. However, in federal public waters of these drainages, salmon harvest is limited to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. For additional information concerning Yukon River Federal Special Actions contact the USFWS Federal Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, Holly Carroll; holly_carroll@fws.gov, (907) 351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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