

# Chitina/Glennallen Dip Netting 101 Fact Sheet

## Questions?

**By Phone:** Glennallen ADF&G Office: (907) 822-3309, Fairbanks ADF&G Office: (907) 459-7228, Anchorage ADF&G Office: (907) 267-2218.

**Chitina Hotline:** Fairbanks: Glennallen: (907) 822-5224, (907) 459-7382, Anchorage: (907) 267-2511.

**On the Web (including openings, sonar, regulations, where to get permit, maps):**

[www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region3/areas/ucus/chitina/chitina.cfm](http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region3/areas/ucus/chitina/chitina.cfm)

## Permit requirements

- All permits must be returned to ADF&G by October 15.
- Tips of the tail must be removed and daily harvest must be recorded immediately with the date fished and catch by species, prior to leaving the fishing site AND before fish are concealed from plain view. "Fishing site" means the location where the salmon is removed from the water and becomes part of the permit holder's bag limit (5 AAC 77.591(d)).
- Permits are free, but must have a valid *resident sport fishing license*, or ADF&G Permanent Identification card (PID), or ADF&G Disabled Veteran's license, or be a resident under the age of 16.
- Proxy fishing is allowed after appropriate proxy paperwork is completed.

## Getting there and general information

- 6-7 hour drive south of Fairbanks; 6-7 hour drive east of Anchorage.
- Peak red (sockeye) salmon at Miles Lake sonar: June 4 - 8, and July 5 - 9, and July 16 - 20; historic peak red (sockeye) harvests during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.
- Fish take 10 days to 6 weeks to travel to Chitina/Glennallen from Miles Lake sonar. Fish passage is highly dependent on water level.
- Bring your own ice, water, food from home or Glennallen. Some **may** be available at vendors before or in Chitina.

## Chitina Subdistrict dip net permit

- Dip netting allowed between the downstream edge of the Chitina/McCarthy bridge and ADF&G regulatory markers located on an east-west line crossing the Copper River about 200 yards upstream of Haley Creek (in Wood Canyon) **NOT** in the Glennallen Subdistrict or Cook Inlet.
- OPENINGS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF FISH AT MILES LAKE SONAR. Opens by Emergency Order only based on the numbers. **Check the hotline before leaving home: Glennallen 822-5224, Fairbanks 459-7382 and Anchorage 267-2511.**
- Limit of 15 total salmon for household of one or 30 for household of two or more. Only 1 king salmon per household.
- If a supplemental harvest period is authorized by Emergency Order, permit holders who have *already* filled their *original* limit may take 10 additional red (sockeye) salmon during each announced supplemental period.
- Rainbow trout and steelhead trout taken by dip net gear must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

- Permit is free, but still need a valid resident sport fishing license, PID, or Disabled Veteran's license except residents under the age of 16.
- Limited camping at O'Brien Creek and Liberty Falls. DOT **may** supply dumpsters and porta-potties at O'Brien, but be prepared to pack out what you pack in, including human waste.
- Permits available at major license vendors across Southcentral and the Interior: grocery stores, tackle shops, even some gas stations.
- Road approximately 1 mile beyond O'Brien Creek is closed. *Please respect the rights of private property owners!*

## Glennallen Subdistrict dip net permit

- Upstream of the downstream edge Chitina/McCarthy bridge to the confluence of Indian Creek and the Copper River.
- Permit free, but available only during regular business hours at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Palmer, Glennallen, Delta Junction, Fairbanks or Tok.
- No fishing license required, but must have Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State ID.
- 30 for household of one, or 60 for a household of 2 or more plus 10 for each additional household member. Only 5 king salmon. Limits can be increased upon request if necessary to meet subsistence needs.

## Seven Things to Remember

1. Must be Alaska resident 12 consecutive months. No exceptions.
2. Must have a valid sport fishing license, permanent license (PID) or Disabled Veteran's License with you. Exceptions: under 16, or Glennallen permit.
3. Must have permit in possession while fishing or transporting fish caught under the permit.
4. Must immediately record fish you catch.
5. Must immediately clip the tips of the tail fins off before concealing from plain view, or before leaving fishing site.
6. Must return the permit, **even if you didn't go dip netting or did not catch any fish**. No exceptions.
7. Cannot have both a Glennallen Subdistrict and a Chitina Subdistrict permit in the same calendar year.

## FAQ ANSWERS

- Legal net: 5 feet across widest point. Bag depth at least 1/2 the net opening.
- Legal mesh: Any material, as long as it's no larger than 4 1/2 inches stretched.
- Non-residents may not participate in the take or transport.
- Fish can be shared only with immediate family members (regardless of residency).
- Fish cannot be sold, bartered, or traded for anything.
- Fish are to be used as human food or bait.
- Can have Kenai/Kasilof + Chitina **OR** Kenai/Kasilof + Glennallen.

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