

## **BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS**

The total annual limits for this fishery are **30** salmon for a household of one and **60** salmon for a household of two or more, of which no more than **5** may be Chinook salmon if taken by dip net. For a household of more than two, 10 salmon for each additional person may be added to the annual limit. The number of Chinook salmon (5) taken by dip net does not increase.

Upon request, permits for additional salmon will be issued with the following limits:

- 1) no more than a total of 200 salmon for a permit issued to a household with one person, of which no more than five may be Chinook salmon if taken by dip net;
- 2) No more than a total of 500 salmon for a permit issued to a household of two or more persons, of which no more than five may be Chinook salmon if taken by dip net.

## **FISH WHEEL REGISTRATION AND OPERATION**

Fish wheels must be registered by the fish wheel owner at the Glennallen or Tok ADF&G office only. The Department will issue a numbered plaque for the fish wheel and that number and a separate plaque with the owner's name and address or their permanent ID number (which must be a valid Alaska Drivers License number or Alaska State Identification number) must be permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fish wheel when the fish wheel is in the water (see sign material and lettering size specifics below). The fish wheel owner must provide a list of those persons eligible to use the fish wheel at the time of registration. The owner may contact the Glennallen ADF&G office at anytime during the season to add additional users to the list. A person will not be issued a Glennallen Subdistrict Subsistence Salmon Fishery permit for a fish wheel, unless he is on the owner's list. The owner of the fish wheel is responsible for the fish wheel when the fish wheel is in the water. A fishery permit holder (who is not the fish wheel owner) must also attach a wood, metal, or plastic plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide with their name and address in letters and numerals at least one inch high to the fish wheel where it is plainly visible when operating the fish wheel. A permit holder may operate only one fish wheel at a time. Fish wheels must be removed from the water at the end of the fishing period specified on the permit (currently October 1).

Information regarding

### **Upper Copper River District Subsistence fisheries**

can be obtained by calling one of the following recorded messages:

**Glennallen - 822-5224**

**Fairbanks - 459-7382**

**Anchorage - 267-2511**

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# **COPPER RIVER GLENNALLEN SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY**



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## WHAT IS THIS FISHERY?

This fishery has been established in the Glennallen Subdistrict by the Alaska Board of Fisheries to provide Alaska residents salmon for subsistence uses. The fishery is managed under the Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (5 AAC 01.647) and requires that a permit must be obtained to participate in the fishery.

Salmon may be taken in the Glennallen Subdistrict by fish wheel or dip net. Only one gear type may be specified on a permit. A **dip net** is a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame; the maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed five feet; the depth of the bag must be at least one-half of the greatest straight-line distance, as measured through the net opening; no portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4.5 inches; the frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand. A **fish wheel** is a fixed, rotating device for catching fish, which is driven by river current or other means of power. A fish wheel used in the Glennallen Subdistrict: 1) may not have more than two baskets; 2) may not be set or operated within 75 feet of another fish wheel; 3) must be removed from the water at the end of the permit period; and 4) may not be rented, leased, or otherwise used for personal gain.

This is a *subsistence fishery*. The Board has also established a Personal Use dip net salmon fishery for the Chitina Subdistrict, which is the area of the mainstem Copper River, downstream of the Chitina-McCarthy Bridge to an ADF&G marker 200 yards upstream of Haley Creek. The Board has mandated that an Alaskan may participate in either the Glennallen or Chitina subdistrict fisheries, but not both. A summary of Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use regulations is available.

Subsistence-caught fish are for personal or family consumption, and for customary trade, barter, or sharing. "Family" is defined as persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, and a person living in the household on a permanent basis. **It is unlawful, under State of Alaska regulations, to buy or sell subsistence-taken fish, their parts, or their eggs.**

## WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Only Alaska *residents* can participate in this subsistence fishery. Participants are reminded that they must have their Copper River Glennallen Subdistrict Subsistence Salmon Fishery permit in their possession to participate in this fishery.

## WHAT AREA IS OPEN TO FISHING?

The area open to the Copper River Glennallen Subdistrict Subsistence Salmon Fishery is restricted to the waters of the Glennallen Subdistrict which consists of all waters of the mainstem Copper River from the mouth of the Slana River downstream to the downstream edge of the Chitina-McCarthy Bridge.

All tributaries to the Copper River, including the Chitina River, are closed to subsistence fishing.

Much of the land in the Upper Copper River area is privately owned and public access is limited. Not all private land is posted. The Department urges subsistence users to respect the rights of landowners.

## WHEN IS THE FISHERY OPEN?

Under the Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan, salmon may be taken by regulation in the Glennallen Subdistrict from June 1 through September 30. **Information regarding the fishery will be updated on recorded message numbers listed on the back of this pamphlet.**

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**NEW IN 2006: A FISH WHEEL PERMIT HOLDER MUST CHECK THE FISH WHEEL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 10 HOURS AND REMOVE ALL FISH FROM THE FISH WHEEL.**

A Copper River Glennallen Subdistrict Subsistence Salmon Fishery permit is required and *must* be in the subsistence user's possession to participate in this fishery and when transporting fish caught under the permit.

Only one Upper Copper River District Subsistence Salmon Fishery permit (either a Glennallen or a Chitina Subdistrict permit) may be issued to a household per year.

Permits may be obtained at the ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Palmer, and Tok during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM) beginning May 1.

Permittees must record all salmon and remove both tips of the tail fin from each salmon taken under the authority of a Copper River subsistence salmon fishing permit immediately upon landing a fish. Immediately is defined as before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the fishing site.

The permit holder or household members listed on the permit must personally operate the fish wheel or dipnet. A subsistence fishwheel or dipnet permit may not be loaned or transferred except as permitted under the regulations for proxy fishing. **Permit holders must return their permit by mail or in person to the Glennallen ADF&G office when they have completed fishing for the season or by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Return of catch data is necessary for the management and conservation of the Copper River salmon resources. A permittee who fails to return his or her subsistence fishing permit may be ineligible to receive a subsistence permit for the Copper River for the following calendar year.

## PROXY FISHING

If an applicant for a subsistence salmon fishing permit is unable to personally take salmon due to a 70% physical disability, blindness, or being over 65, the permit may be issued to his or her authorized designee (proxy) to take salmon for the applicant as follows:

While taking or possessing salmon, the proxy must possess:

- i) A completed current year's Proxy Fishing Information Form (11-203, rev 4/2007); and
- ii) The applicant's subsistence fishing permit;

It is illegal to be an authorized designee for more than one applicant simultaneously.