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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #32 Reminder: Return 2020 Salmon Fishing Permits

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Yukon Area subsistence and personal use salmon fishing permits expired on October 15 and harvest reporting is due by <u>October 25</u> for the permit areas listed below. Even if you did not fish or did not catch any fish, you must complete a harvest report.

- Yukon River: Rampart, Yukon River Bridge, Circle and Eagle
- Tanana River: Subdistrict 6-A (Manley), Subdistrict 6-B (Nenana/Minto) and Personal Use in Subdistrict 6-C (Fairbanks/North Pole).

Subsistence fishing in the permit areas of the Yukon and Tanana rivers is now open seven days a week, 24 hours per day, with the use of 7.5" or smaller mesh gillnets. Tributaries of the Tanana River below the Wood River, (including the Kantishna River drainage) remain closed to fall chum salmon fishing, and are open only to 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target non-salmon species and selective gear such as dip nets and manned fish wheels.

A current subsistence fishing permit is required for all fish species, including salmon, year-round in the Yukon River. Likewise, a current subsistence fishing permit is required for salmon fishing in the mainstem Tanana River. If you plan on subsistence fishing, please call the Fairbanks office at (907) 459-7274 to request a permit extension.

Harvest reports can be completed online at <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/harvest</u> by entering your daily harvest. For permits with a weekly reporting requirement (Tanana 6-B and 6-C), remember to select <u>done fishing</u> after entering your daily harvest to close out the permit. If you did not fish this season, select 'I am done fishing this permit' button.

Alternatively, reporting can be completed by returning your permit to ADF&G 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701. Failure to report harvest information may result in denial of a household permit next year.

Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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