



## Advisory Announcement

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### **2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #8** **District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 fall chum salmon run size is critically low. Genetic mixed stock analysis applied to the passage estimates at the Yukon River mainstem sonar near Pilot Station indicate 64,000 fall chum salmon are in the river as of August 11. The fall chum salmon run is near the historical midpoint. The projection based on inseason assessment projects indicate a run size well below 300,000 fish. The projection does not meet the threshold of 300,000 fish needed to allow subsistence fishing according to the Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan. In addition, the projection is unlikely to meet the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon and tributary escapement goals. Therefore, subsistence and personal use fishing for fall chum salmon will be closed to begin the fall season.

Yukon Area advisory announcements and fish counts can be obtained by visiting [www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG](https://www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG) or [www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/yukonfishcounts). To receive advisory announcements by email, sign up at [www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.cfnews.adfg.alaska.gov).

### **Subsistence Management Actions**

**Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B** (including the Kantishna River drainage, Lake Minchumina, Manley, Old Minto area, Minto, and Nenana) **and the Upper Tanana Area** (including the Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

**The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 16. Chum and Chinook salmon fishing will remain closed.** Dip nets may currently be used for nonsalmon. However, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive. **Once fall season management begins, manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon. While using manned fish wheels, chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive and may not enter a livebox.** If you are fishing in federal waters for coho salmon, please see the message at the end of this announcement.

Legal gear types to take nonsalmon include 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets 60 feet or shorter in length, handline, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon within Lake Minchumina and the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats, is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Subsistence permits are required for salmon fishing in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistrict 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage); for northern pike fishing in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats; and for all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina. Subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office 907-459-7274 or online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/).

## **Personal Use Management Actions**

### **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 Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

**The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 16. Personal Use salmon fishing will remain closed.**

### **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):

**The transition to fall season management begins 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 16. Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels follows the Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use salmon fishing schedule and will remain closed.** Fishing for whitefish and suckers in this area with other gear types remains open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, subject to permit stipulations. As a reminder, only whitefish and suckers may be retained in this fishery.

A personal use whitefish and sucker permit and current sport fishing license are required to fish for these species in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. Permits and licenses are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks or Delta Junction offices or online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/).

## **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 concurrently issued an Emergency Special Action 2-FC-05-22 on August 12, 2022, to close Federal public waters to the harvest of fall chum salmon in District 6 on August 16. Fishermen must be Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest coho salmon in Federal public waters. For information regarding Federal subsistence fishing regulations contact Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS.

Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions) and shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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