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2022 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #20 District 6 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2022 fall chum salmon run was below the 300,000 fish limit to allow subsistence salmon fishing. Subsistence fishing restrictions will be relaxed in District 6 as the majority of fall chum salmon migrate through the area. The Kantishna and Nenana River drainages will remain closed to subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon through December to protect active spawning areas.

Subsistence Management Actions

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B (Manley, Minto, Old Minto, Nenana, Healy, Cantwell, and Lake Minchumina), including the **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, which includes Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

For the current schedule and allowed gear, call the recording at (866) 479-7387.

Effective 8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 30, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal salmon gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh size will no longer be restricted to 60 feet in length.

Kantishna and Nenana River drainages:

Subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon will remain closed through December, excluding Lake Minchumina. Gillnets larger than 4-inch mesh are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but are restricted to 60 feet or shorter length. Manned fish wheels and dip nets may be used for nonsalmon and coho salmon; however, chum salmon must be released alive.

General reminders for winter subsistence fishing in District 6 are as follows: Only while ice fishing may a hook and line attached to a rod or pole be used in subsistence areas of District 6. A subsistence permit is required to fish for all species in Upper Tanana Area and for northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats. Permits are available at <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/store</u>.

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. Federal special actions in federal public waters of the Yukon River drainage were rescinded as of 12:01 am October 1.



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

Federal Special Actions will be posted on <u>www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions</u> and shared on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska</u>.



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