



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2023 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #17 Districts 4-6 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

As fall chum and coho salmon runs are nearing completion, subsistence fishing restrictions are being removed in most areas based on fall chum salmon travel time. As the drainage-wide escapement goal for fall chum salmon was not met, the Koyukuk, Porcupine, Kantishna, and Nenana river drainages will remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing through December to protect active spawning fall chum salmon. The Teedriinjik (Chandalar River) drainage has met the escapement goal and will remain open for subsistence fishing.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**Districts 4-6** (including all lakes, sloughs, and tributaries):

**Fishing for chum, coho, and Chinook salmon is closed except in the Teedriinjik (Chandalar River) drainage.** Dip nets, beach seines, manned fish wheels, and hook and line gear may be used for pink salmon and sockeye salmon in all districts except District 6, where hook and line is closed for all species. Chum, coho, and Chinook salmon must be released alive.

Effective at the dates and times listed below, subsistence fishing for all species will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal salmon and nonsalmon gear. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet. Drift gillnets will be allowed in District 4.

#### *District 4*

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 9** in Subdistrict 4-A Lower (Anvik and Grayling).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 14** in Subdistrict 4-A Upper (Kaltag, Nulato and Koyukuk).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 16** in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (Galena and Ruby).

**Closed area:** The Koyukuk River drainage will remain closed through December 31. In the subsistence permit area of South Fork and the Middle Fork of the Koyukuk River, gillnet gear may only be used from August 20 to June 30 and must be 3½ inches or smaller mesh size.

#### *District 5*

Effective **8:00 a.m. Friday, October 20** in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (Tanana and Rampart).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Thursday, October 26** in Subdistrict 5-D Lower (Stevens Village and Beaver).

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 30** in Subdistrict 5-D Middle and Upper (Birch Creek, Fort Yukon, Central, Circle, and Eagle).

**Closed area:** The Porcupine River drainage will remain closed through December 31. The North Fork of the Teedriinjik drainage upstream from the mouth of Quartz Creek will remain closed by regulation.

## District 6

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 30** in Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Upper Tanana Area (Manley, Minto, Old Minto, Nenana, Healy, Cantwell, Lake Minchumina, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna).

**Closed area:** The Kantishna and Nenana river drainages, excluding Lake Minchumina, will remain closed through December 31.

A subsistence permit is required to fish year-round for all species in the South and Middle forks of the Koyukuk River above Bettles, all of Subdistrict 5-C, a portion of Subdistrict 5-D from two miles below Waldron Creek to the mouth of the Dall River, a portion of Subdistrict 5-D from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border, and the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence permit is also required to fish for northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats. Permits are available at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store).

### Personal Use Management Actions

**Subdistrict 6-C Salmon** (from the regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the downstream mouth of the Salcha River, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

**Personal Use salmon fishing is closed.**

### Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing:

**Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area** (including 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):

Personal use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels is closed. Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers remains open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, subject to permit stipulations. Only whitefish and suckers may be retained.

Effective **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 30**, personal use whitefish and sucker fishing will open with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets limited to 60 feet or shorter.

A personal use whitefish and sucker permit and a current sport fish license are required. Contact the Fairbanks office at (907) 459-7274 for a permit application.



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