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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 33  
Summer Announcement # 23, Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto Area Subsistence  
Fishing and 6-C Personal Use Fishing Schedules  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The cumulative Chinook salmon passage at the sonar project located near Pilot Station through July 4 is estimated to be approximately 131,000 fish. A Chinook salmon run size of this magnitude is below average, but has the potential to meet escapement goals and objectives. In response to poor escapement in recent years to the Chena River, subsistence salmon fishing in the Tanana River has been closed to bolster Chinook salmon escapement. Following this closure, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto Area will return to the normal schedule. However, additional conservation measures will be considered if assessment information indicates the Tanana River stocks warrant further protection.

**Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B** (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the regulatory marker at the mouth of Wood River, which includes the communities of Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B is currently closed.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 7, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B will reopen and return to the normal schedule which consists of two 42-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 12:00 noon Wednesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 12:00 noon Sundays, and fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

## **Old Minto Area:**

Subsistence salmon fishing in the Old Minto Area is currently closed.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 7, subsistence fishing in the Old Minto Area will reopen for the remainder of the regular scheduled period. The Old Minto Area will resume the normal schedule, with open fishing occurring 5 days a week, from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a subsistence fishing permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage. Permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Fairbanks. Subsistence fishermen fishing in Subdistrict 6-B three miles upstream of the mouth of Totchaket Slough are required to report their harvest catches to the department by **4:30 PM Thursday** each week by contacting the department at **(907) 459-7388**. When you call, please provide your name, permit number, fishing location, and daily catch by species for that week.

**Subdistricts 6-C** (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 in Subdistrict 6-C is currently closed and will remain closed until further notice to conserve Chinook salmon.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** or in Fairbanks call **(907) 459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320.

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