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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #51  
Summer Announcement #38, Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto Area Subsistence  
Fishing and 6-C Personal Use Fishing Schedules  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Operations at the escapement monitoring projects at the Chena and Salcha Rivers continue to be hampered by high water conditions. Project leaders began using sonar on the Chena River on July 10 to generate daily estimates of total salmon passage. Preliminary estimates for Chinook salmon passage are promising. However, further analysis will be conducted post season to estimate total passage by species and assess escapement for Chinook and summer chum salmon. Additionally, aerial surveys of the spawning grounds are expected to be flown on both the Chena and Salcha Rivers when river conditions allow for better visibility.

Based on historical run timing information the Chinook salmon run is coming to an end in the Tanana River. Therefore, the personal use salmon fishery closure in Subdistrict 6-C will be discontinued as the majority of Chinook salmon have passed out of the area.

**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.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C 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. Fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

**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 open for 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. 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 open 5 days a week, from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and fishermen may use fish wheels or 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.

Non-salmon species may be harvested using 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets not exceeding 60 feet in length in District 6 during subsistence salmon fishing closures.

However, as a reminder, if you are planning to personal use fish for whitefish and sucker in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area, you will need to contact the Fairbanks Fish and Game office to obtain a Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker permit.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** or in Fairbanks call **459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This is an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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