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2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #21

Summer Announcement #16, Yukon River Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Fishing Closure

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

A conservative management approach is being taken early in the season to protect the 2015 Chinook salmon run, which is anticipated to be weak. Fishery management actions are being implemented in accordance with the preseason management plan discussed at the preseason planning meeting and outlined in the 2015 Yukon River Salmon Fisheries Outlook. The first Chinook salmon was caught in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery on May 28. Based on historical migration timing, the first Chinook salmon were expected to be near Manley on June 16 and near Nenana on June 19.

Consistent with subsistence fishing restrictions taken in the mainstem, personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C is being closed to protect the Tanana River Chinook salmon stocks in an effort to meet escapement goals on the Chena and Salcha rivers.

Personal Use Schedule:

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 currently consists of two 42-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday and from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesday.

Effective at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 19, personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C will close and will remain closed until further notice to conserve Chinook salmon.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto area remain open on their regulatory schedules. Fishermen in Subdistricts 6-A, 6-B, and the Old Minto Area should expect subsistence salmon fishing restrictions as Chinook salmon begin migrating up the Tanana River.

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 P.M. 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.

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 ADF&G office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320.

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