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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #18  
Yukon River Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Fishing  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The preseason outlook for Chinook salmon is for a run size similar to last year of 130,000 to 175,000 fish. A precautionary management approach is being taken early in the season to restrict the harvest of Chinook salmon until inseason assessment indicates that escapement goals will be met and a reduced subsistence harvest can be supported.

The first Chinook salmon was caught in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery on May 24. An early group of Chinook salmon passed the sonar near Pilot Station from June 2 to June 4. Based on historical migration timing, the early group of Chinook salmon is expected to be near Manley on June 18 and Nenana on June 20.

Consistent with management actions taken in the mainstem Yukon River for Chinook salmon conservation, personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C is being closed and reopened with gear restrictions. Fishing will be limited to 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets, dip nets, and live-release fish wheels in an effort to meet escapement goals on the Chena and Salcha rivers. Personal use fishermen using dip nets and fish wheels are required to release Chinook salmon alive.

**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. Fishermen may use fish wheels and 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets.

Effective at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, personal use salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-C will be restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh set-gillnets, dip nets, and live-release fish wheels.

Fish wheels must be equipped with a livebox that contains no less than 45 cubic feet of water volume. Fish wheel operators must check the livebox once every six hours and all Chinook salmon must be released to the water alive. Dip net fishermen must release all Chinook salmon alive. Set gillnet fishermen may retain Chinook and summer chum salmon from their gillnets, however, gillnet fishermen are encouraged to avoid setting their nets in areas with Chinook salmon.

### **District 6 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 the first pulse of 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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