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2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 14 **District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedules**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

So far, the 2019 Chinook run appears similar to the 2018 Chinook run size, and restrictions to harvest are required to meet escapement goals and harvest share objectives. The subsistence fishing schedule is being reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule and gillnets are being restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh. The 2019 summer chum salmon run is coming in abnormally late and weak, therefore less overlap of the summer chum and Chinook salmon runs is expected, and commercial fishing for summer chum salmon is not likely this season.

Subsistence fishing:

A fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the Tanana River drainage. Set gillnets, dip nets, and fish wheels are allowed in District 6 subsistence salmon fisheries. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, gillnets must have 4-inch or smaller mesh.

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the Wood River, including Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets and fish wheels. **Effective 6 p.m. Saturday, June 29, subsistence salmon fishing will close.**

Effective 6 p.m. Monday, July 1, fishing will reopen with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 24-hour periods per week from:

- **6 p.m. Mondays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays**
- **6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Saturdays**

Kantishna River:

The Kantishna River is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Old Minto Area:

Subsistence fishing is currently open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels and **will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.**

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 5, fishing will reopen with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory schedule of five days per week from:

- **6 p.m. Fridays until 6 p.m. Wednesdays**

Upper Tanana Area (from the mouth of Volkmar River on the north bank, and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank, upstream to the Tanana River headwaters, including Dot Lake, Tok, Tanacross, Northway):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Personal Use Fishing:

Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use Salmon (from the Wood River upstream to the Salcha River, including Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha)

Personal Use salmon fishing is currently on the regulatory schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from 6 p.m. Mondays to noon Wednesdays, and from 6 p.m. Fridays to noon Sundays.

Effective 6 p.m. Monday, July 1, Personal Use salmon fishing will be open on a reduced schedule of two 24-hour periods per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:

- **6 p.m. Mondays to 6 p.m. Tuesdays**
- **6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Saturdays**

Fishermen may only use set gillnets and fishwheels in the Personal Use salmon fishery.

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