

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2019 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 39**

#### **District 6-B Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

With passage at Pilot Station sonar of nearly 1.4 million summer chum salmon, a commercial surplus of summer chum is available for harvest in the Tanana River. The majority of the king run should be through Nenana, and chum passage should be ramping up.

**Commercial periods will be open concurrent with the subsistence fishing schedules in District 6-B until further notice, however commercial gillnet fishermen are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.** Commercial fish wheels are not required to be manned.

Commercial fishermen should coordinate with the buyer on a daily basis regarding scheduling deliveries. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Chinook salmon may not be sold. All Chinook salmon kept for personal use must be recorded on the fish ticket. Processors, catcher-sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

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

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 26, **commercial** fishing for summer chum salmon will be open for two 42-hour periods per week **with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets** and fish wheels from:

- 6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

Subsistence salmon fishing is open, concurrent with commercial fishing, for two 42-hour periods per week with **7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets** and fish wheels from:

- 6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

A subsistence or personal use 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.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks call 455-1849.

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