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Subdistrict 6-B Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The summer chum passage at Pilot Station sonar was estimated to be nearly 1.4 million fish. However, escapements into the Tanana River, while much later than normal, appear lower than expected for a drainage-wide run of this size. As of July 28, less than 1,000 summer chum salmon have been counted at the Salcha River Tower project and less than 700 summer chum salmon have been counted at the Chena River Tower project. These counts are well below the respective median counts of 9,600 and 4,600 fish for this date. Due to concern for a low return of summer chum salmon in the Tanana River, commercial fishing in District 6 will close.

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

The previously announced commercial fishing period beginning 6 p.m. Monday, July 29, with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels will close at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30. Commercial fishing will be closed until further notice.

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 6-B will remain open 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.

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