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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# 2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #33 District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The current counts of Chinook salmon at Pilot Station sonar now indicate the run size is projected to meet escapement goals and support some harvest. Fishing conditions on the Tanana River have been poor due to high water and drift as the early portion of the run has moved into the area. Harvest amounts in this district are limited by permit stipulations in subsistence and personal use fisheries. Fishing will therefore return to the regulatory schedule and fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

#### **Subsistence Management Actions**

**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 closed.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, subsistence fishing will open with  $\underline{7.5}$ -inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels on the regulatory schedule of  $\underline{two}$  42-hour periods per week from:

6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays

6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

#### **Kantishna River:**

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

#### **Old Minto Area:**

Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, fishing will open with <u>7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets</u> and fish wheels on the regulatory schedule of 5-days per week from:

6 p.m. Fridays to 6 p.m. Wednesdays

**Upper Tanana Area** (the Tanana River from the confluence with 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):

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

#### **Personal Use Fishing**

**Subdistrict 6-C Salmon** (Personal use fishery 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):

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, Personal Use fishing will open with <u>7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets</u> and fish wheels on the regulatory schedule of <u>two 42-hour periods per week</u> from:

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

### Subdistrict 6-C Whitefish and Sucker Personal Use Fishing

Fishing for whitefish and suckers in this area remains open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, subject to permit stipulations.

In the Tanana River up to the Wood River (Subdistrict 6-A and 6-B), and in the Upper Tanana River Area, a subsistence permit is required for salmon fishing. A personal use permit is required to fish for salmon and other species from the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the mouth of the Salcha River (Subdistrict 6-C). Fishermen may only use set gillnets and fish wheels in the Personal Use salmon fishery.

A subsistence permit is required for northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats.

Subsistence harvest calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office (459-7274) or online at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/">www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/</a>.



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#### COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Subsistence fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>.