Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #30
Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B and Kantishna River Subsistence Fishing
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The fall chum salmon run migration is essentially complete in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B, and subsistence fishing restrictions are being relaxed in the mainstem of the Tanana River to provide fishing opportunity for other fish species.

Subsistence Management Actions

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

Subsistence salmon fishing in the mainstem Tanana River will open with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets, dip nets, and fish wheels for one 48-hour period from 12:00 noon Tuesday, October 13 to 12:00 noon Thursday, October 15. All fish caught may be retained. During the subsistence salmon closures, only 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets can be used to target non-salmon species.

Tributaries, including the Kantishna River drainage (including Lake Minchumina), will remain open only to 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target non-salmon species and selective gear (dip nets and manned fish wheels) to release fall chum salmon.

Weekly reporting is required if you fish between three miles upstream of Totchaket Slough to the Wood River. Report catch by 4:30 P.M. Thursdays at www.adfg.alaska.gov/harvest or call (907) 459-7388. A subsistence permit is required for salmon fishing in the Tanana River up to the Wood River (Kantishna River drainage and Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B). Permits are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/. A reminder that permits for Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B expire October 15th and due back to the department by October 25th.

COVID-19

Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial and subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. 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: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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