



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2023 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #22 District 6 (Tanana River) Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The summer chum salmon run is entering the river below average, but stronger than recent years. A recent push of fish is likely to put the run above the lower end of the 500,000 to 1.2 million fish drainagewide goal range. To allow harvest opportunity for summer chum salmon, subsistence fishing with selective gear is being opened 24 hours per day, 7 days per week based on expected arrival of summer chum in the area.

**The 2023 Chinook salmon run remains well below average and is unlikely to meet any escapement goals; therefore, Chinook salmon fishing remains closed. During selective gear openings, all Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and ensure any Chinook salmon caught in selective or nonsalmon gear types are released alive so they may continue upriver to their spawning grounds. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**Subdistrict 6-A, 6-B, Old Minto Area, and Kantishna River** (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the eastern edge of the mouth of the Wood River, including the Wood and Kantishna River drainages, Lake Minchumina, and Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed.

**Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 14, fishing for summer chum salmon will open with selective gear types 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operation; Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in Lake Minchumina and in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats. Note, a subsistence pike permit is required, see details below.

**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, including Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed.

**Effective 6 p.m. Monday, July 24, fishing for summer chum salmon is open with selective gear types 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.**

**Dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels may be used for summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operation; Chinook salmon may not enter a live box and must be immediately returned to the water using a chute, slide, tote or other fish friendly means. All Chinook salmon must be released alive.**

A reminder to fishermen that a subsistence permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage up to the Wood River (Subdistrict 6-A, 6-B, and Kantishna River drainage), northern pike in the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats), and all species in the Upper Tanana Area. A subsistence salmon permit is not required in Lake Minchumina.

Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon species remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh and 60 feet or less in length may be used to target nonsalmon and must be operated as a set net. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where nonsalmon species are abundant to avoid incidentally harvesting salmon. While any salmon caught in this gear may be kept, if it appears Chinook salmon are being targeted with this gear, fishing will be further restricted.

Other gear types for nonsalmon species include hand line, longline, fyke net, lead, and spear. Chinook salmon must be released alive. Summer chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained.

Hook and line gear may not be used for subsistence fishing in District 6 during ice free months.

Submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or cluster of floats attached to both ends of the net. All gillnets must be marked with a buoy, float, or keg that has the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address.

### **Personal Use Management Actions**

**Subdistrict 6-C** (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):

**Personal Use salmon fishing will remain closed until further notice.**

### **Personal Use Whitefish and Sucker Fishing**

**Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area** (a portion of the Tanana River drainage from the Wood River upstream to the mouth of the Volkmar River on the north bank and the mouth of the Johnson River on the south bank, which includes Fairbanks, North Pole, Salcha, and Delta Junction):

**Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels is closed until further notice.** Fishing with other gear for whitefish and suckers in this area remains open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, subject to permit stipulations.

A reminder to personal use fishermen that a personal use salmon permit is required to fish for salmon in Subdistrict 6-C and a personal use whitefish and sucker permit is required to fish for these species in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. Both permits require a valid sport fishing license.

The ADF&G Emmonak office is open Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays). ADF&G Emmonak office: 1-907-949-1320.

### **Federal Special Action**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated on this advisory announcement. The Federal manager has issued a separate Federal special action FSA 2-KS-05-23 with the same fishing schedule that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in Federal Public waters. The Emmonak USFWS office is not open. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 1-907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G and the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions).

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