



Advisory Announcement

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2023 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #25 District 6 (Tanana River) Personal Use Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2023 summer chum salmon run is below average, but stronger than recent years. Passage at Pilot Station sonar is 818,000 summer chum salmon, which is within the drainagewide escapement goal range of 500,000 to 1.2 million fish. To allow harvest opportunity for summer chum salmon, Personal Use fishing with dip nets and manned fish wheels will open on the regulatory schedule of two 42-hour periods per week. Based on travel time, fish from the first pulse of summer chum salmon could be nearing the Salcha River by July 22.

The 2023 Chinook salmon run remains well below average and is unlikely to meet any escapement goals.

Fishermen are reminded to practice respectful and safe fish handling techniques and are required to immediately release Chinook salmon alive from dip nets and fish wheels. If it appears that Chinook salmon are being harvested, fishing will close.

Personal Use Management Actions

Subdistrict 6-C (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 21, personal use fishing will open with dip nets and live release fish wheels only on the regulatory schedule of 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

All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately. Fish wheels must be closely attended.

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):

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 21, Personal Use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets will remain 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 whitefish and suckers in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. Both permits require a valid sport fishing license.

Summer season management staff have returned to the Fairbanks ADF&G office (907-459-7274). For questions about fall season management, contact the ADF&G Emmonak office; 1-907-949-1320, open Mondays to Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays).

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. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 1-907-351-3029.



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