



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2023 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #7 District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2023 fall chum salmon inseason projection is for a run size of 320,000 fish. Genetic analysis applied to the fish passage estimates at the Yukon River mainstem sonar near Pilot Station indicate 146,000 fall chum salmon are in the river as of August 13. The fall chum salmon run is approaching the historical midpoint. The drainagewide escapement goal is 300,000–600,000 fall chum salmon. Fishing opportunities will be conservative due to the recent years of poor returns and uncertainty in the projection. In the early portion of the fall season, fishing will be allowed to harvest primarily summer chum salmon, then fishing will close until a harvestable surplus of fall chum salmon is available in the Tanana River drainage.

#### Subsistence Management Actions

**Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B** (including the Kantishna River drainage, Lake Minchumina, Manley, Old Minto area, Minto, and Nenana) **and the Upper Tanana Area** (including the Delta Junction area, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Northway, and Nabesna):

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels for nonsalmon and chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. Chinook salmon must be released alive.

**Effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 25, subsistence fishing for chum salmon will close and retention of coho salmon will be allowed.** Dip nets, beach seines, and manned fish wheels may be used for nonsalmon and pink, sockeye, and coho salmon. Chum and Chinook salmon must be released alive.

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.

#### Personal Use Management Actions

**Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use salmon fishing** is open with dip nets and live release manned fish wheels on the regulatory schedule of two 42-hour periods per week from:

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

Chinook salmon must be released alive.

**Effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 25, Personal Use salmon fishing will close.**

A personal use permit and sport fishing license are required to fish for salmon in Subdistrict 6-C.

**Nonsalmon****Subsistence Fishing**

Harvest of nonsalmon with 4-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length is allowed in subsistence areas. Fishermen should fish this nonsalmon gear in areas where resident species are more likely to be encountered. Other legal gear types to take nonsalmon include hand line, longline, fyke net, dip net, beach seine, and spear. If closures are in place for a salmon species, they must be released alive immediately from nonsalmon gear (other than 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets). Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in Lake Minchumina and in the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats (see fishing permit requirements).

**Personal Use Fishing**

In the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area, personal use fishing for whitefish and suckers with gear types other than gillnets and fish wheels will remain open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, subject to permit stipulations. A personal use permit and sport fishing license are required.

Permits and licenses are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fairbanks office or online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/).

**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 USFWS Federal Inseason Manager has issued a separate Federal special action TSA 2-FC-04-23 with the same fishing schedule that restricts fishing to federally qualified subsistence users in waters adjacent to Federal Land. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029.



This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the USFWS. Federal Special Actions will be posted on [www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions) and shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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