



## **Advisory Announcement**

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**Toll free fishing schedule and counts: 1-866-479-7387**

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### **2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #11**

#### **Tanana River Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subsistence and personal use fishing in the Tanana River will close based on the timing of Chinook salmon migration. These closures are intended to protect Chinook salmon stocks as they migrate upriver to their spawning grounds. The 2025 Chinook salmon run size is forecasted to be well below average and be similar in size to the run last year. Chinook salmon are unlikely to meet escapement goals or provide any harvestable surplus.

During these salmon closures, fishing for nonsalmon species will still be allowed with gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh. However, if Chinook salmon are caught in these nets, fishermen are encouraged to move their gear to protect the run. Later in the season all gillnets will be closed to protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run from incidental harvest; fishermen should stand by for future announcements with the closure dates. The toll-free phone recording (1-866-479-7387) will be updated when management actions are announced for each district.

If the summer chum salmon run is projected to exceed the drainagewide minimum escapement goal of 500,000 fish, openings with selective gear types will be announced.

Assessment projects and management updates will be published in weekly Advisory Announcements (Updates). Daily sonar passage estimates, and LYTF test fish numbers will be shared on Facebook (Yukon River Fishing - ADFG) and on the toll-free phone recording: 1-866-479-7387.

Weekly teleconferences hosted by YRDFA will take place Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The call-in number is 1-800-315-6338, and the participation code is Yukon# (98566#).

#### **Subsistence Management Actions**

Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used during salmon fishing closures to target nonsalmon species. Fishermen are reminded to set this gear in areas where they will avoid incidental harvest of salmon. Any salmon that are caught in this gear may be kept, but fishermen are encouraged to release any live Chinook salmon whenever possible. Nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may also still be used, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.**

**Subdistrict 6-A and Kantishna River** (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the eastern edge of the mouth of the Kantishna River, including the Kantishna River drainage, Lake Minchumina, and Manley):

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

**Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.**

**In Lake Minchumina, effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.**

**Subdistrict 6-B and Old Minto Area** (from eastern edge of the Kantishna River upstream to the Wood River, including Minto and Nenana):

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

**Effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.**

**In the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats, effective 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, subsistence fishing is restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. 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 fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

**Effective 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets larger than 4-inch are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon and are restricted to 60-feet or less in length and must be operated as a set net near shore.**

Fishermen are reminded 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.

All gear must be marked with the fisherman's first initial, last name, and address. In District 6, 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, plus a third float in the middle if the net is over 60 feet in length.

**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 is open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels for 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.

**Effective 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday, June 29, Personal Use salmon fishing will close and periods are cancelled 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 follows the Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use salmon fishing schedule and will close at 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday, June 29 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.

**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 Fishery special action FSA 2-KS-09-25 closing all gillnets 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 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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