



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #17

Tanana River Closure of 4-inch mesh gillnets

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2025 Chinook salmon run size appears similar to last year and well below average. It is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met. To protect Chinook salmon as they migrate upriver, 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets are being closed from the first quarter point to third quarter point of the run to protect the bulk of the Chinook salmon run. Quarter point dates are based on recent historical run timing.

During these closures nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used. This includes hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. **Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.**

Subsistence Management Actions

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):

Salmon fishing is closed. Subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is currently open with 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and other nonsalmon gear types.

Effective 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon is still allowed 24 hours a day, seven days per week during this period. However, it is limited to nonlethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

In Lake Minchumina subsistence fishing for nonsalmon will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

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

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

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, July 7 until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, all gillnets must be removed from the water.

Fishing for nonsalmon remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week. However, it is limited to nonlethal or selective gear types including hook and line with a rod or pole, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Chinook and chum salmon must be released alive.

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 will remain 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 with mesh larger than 4-inches are not allowed. Gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target nonsalmon but 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.

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 one more 42-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday, June 27, to 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday, June 29.

As previously announced, effective 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday, June 29, Personal Use salmon fishing will close and all 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 follow 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.

As a reminder to personal use fishermen, 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-13-25 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.



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