



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #12 **Tanana River Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2026 drainagewide Chinook salmon outlook is for a run size of 64,300 fish (range of 52,000 to 79,000 fish), which is well below average. The drainagewide summer chum salmon outlook is for a run size of 345,600 fish (range of 160,000 to 580,000 fish) which is below the drainagewide escapement goal. It is unlikely that any escapement goals will be met in Alaska or Canada. To protect salmon on their way to their spawning grounds subsistence fishing closures are being announced in each district. Based on historic run timing, salmon fishing closures will begin in the Tanana River starting in Subdistrict 6-A.

Opportunity to harvest nonsalmon species will be allowed with 4-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and other selective gear types. Fishermen are reminded to set 4-inch mesh gillnets near shore in areas where salmon are not present to avoid incidental harvest of Chinook and chum salmon. If you are catching salmon that are closed to harvest, please move your net to protect them. While any salmon caught in gillnets may be kept if dead, if it appears Chinook or chum salmon are being targeted, these nonsalmon opportunities could be further restricted. All Chinook and chum salmon should be released alive when possible while using nonsalmon gear. The use of 4-inch gillnets will be closed between the first and third quarter points of the Chinook salmon run to reduce incidental harvest.

Assessment projects and management updates will be published in weekly Advisory Announcements (Updates). Daily sonar counts 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. The ADF&G Emmonak office (907-949-1320) is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In-season salmon management 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

Subdistricts 6-A and the 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, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, June 22, Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of

4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target other species 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. Monday, June 22, subsistence fishing for nonsalmon is restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Subdistricts 6-B and the 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, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target other species 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. Wednesday, June 24, 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, 7 days a week, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Monday, June 29, Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing is closed. Fish wheels and gillnets with larger than 4-inch mesh and fish wheels are not allowed. Gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target other species 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.

Nonlethal or selective gear types for nonsalmon may still be used, including hook and line, dip net, beach seine, hand line, longline, and fyke net. Pink and sockeye salmon may be retained. **Chinook and summer chum salmon must be released alive.**

In District 6 submerged gillnets may be used for subsistence fishing during ice-free months, however submerged nets must have a visible buoy or floats attached to both ends of the net. All gillnets must be marked with a buoy 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 is open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels for two 42-hour periods per week from:

6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. (noon) Wednesdays

6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. (noon) Sundays.

Effective 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday, June 28, Personal Use salmon fishing will close 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 28 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 Federal special action **TSA 03-KS-08-26** closing Chinook and summer chum salmon fishing and restricting nonsalmon gillnets in waters adjacent to Federal Land. For additional information concerning Yukon River Federal Special Actions contact the USFWS Federal Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, Holly Carroll; holly_carroll@fws.gov, (907) 351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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