



Advisory Announcement

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2026 Yukon River Salmon Fall Fishery Announcement #24 **District 6 Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Schedule** **Emergency Order Number 3-S-FY-09-26**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The fall chum salmon migration is nearing completion and subsistence and personal use fishing restrictions are being removed based on fall chum salmon travel time. Current projections indicate that the fall chum salmon run is likely to meet all Alaskan tributary escapement goals. Therefore, subsistence and personal use fishing restrictions can be relaxed in the Tanana River.

Subsistence Management Actions:

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the Wood River, including the Kantishna River, and the communities of Lake Minchumina, Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Effective **8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22**, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

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):

Effective **8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22**, subsistence fishing for salmon and nonsalmon will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. All fish caught may be retained. Gillnet lengths will no longer be restricted to 60 feet.

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):

Effective **8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22**, personal use salmon fishing will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

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 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, personal use whitefish and sucker fishing with gillnets and fish wheels will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. 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

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 03-FC-16-26 with the same dates these restrictions will be lifted. To reach the USFWS Yukon River Subsistence Fishery Manager, call Holly Carroll at 907-351-3029 or Assistant Manager, Keith Herron; keith_herron@fws.gov, (907) 334-5391.



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