

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 33
District 6 Commercial Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The Pilot Station sonar passage estimate through July 12 is over 3.0 million summer chum salmon which is well above the median of 1.7 million fish for this date. Because there is a large surplus of summer chum salmon available and there is a buyer in District 6, commercial fishing will open to target summer chum salmon.

Commercial fishermen should coordinate with the buyer on a daily basis regarding scheduling deliveries. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Chinook salmon may not be sold. All Chinook salmon caught but not sold must also be recorded on the fish ticket. Other fish species caught but not sold must also be recorded on the fish ticket. Processors, catcher-sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at **459-7274**.

These commercial periods will be concurrent with the subsistence and personal use fishing schedules in District 6. Commercial fish wheels are not required to be manned.

Subdistrict 6-A and 6-B (from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to the regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River, which includes the communities of Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 14, commercial fishing will be open for two 42-hour fishing periods per week on the following schedule with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels:

- 6:00 p.m. Fridays, until 12:00 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6:00 p.m. Mondays, until 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesdays

Subdistrict 6-C (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 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 14, commercial fishing will be open for two 42-hour fishing periods per week on the following schedule with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels:

- 6:00 p.m. Fridays, until 12:00 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6:00 p.m. Mondays, until 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesdays

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at (866) 479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Fairbanks at 459-7274.

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