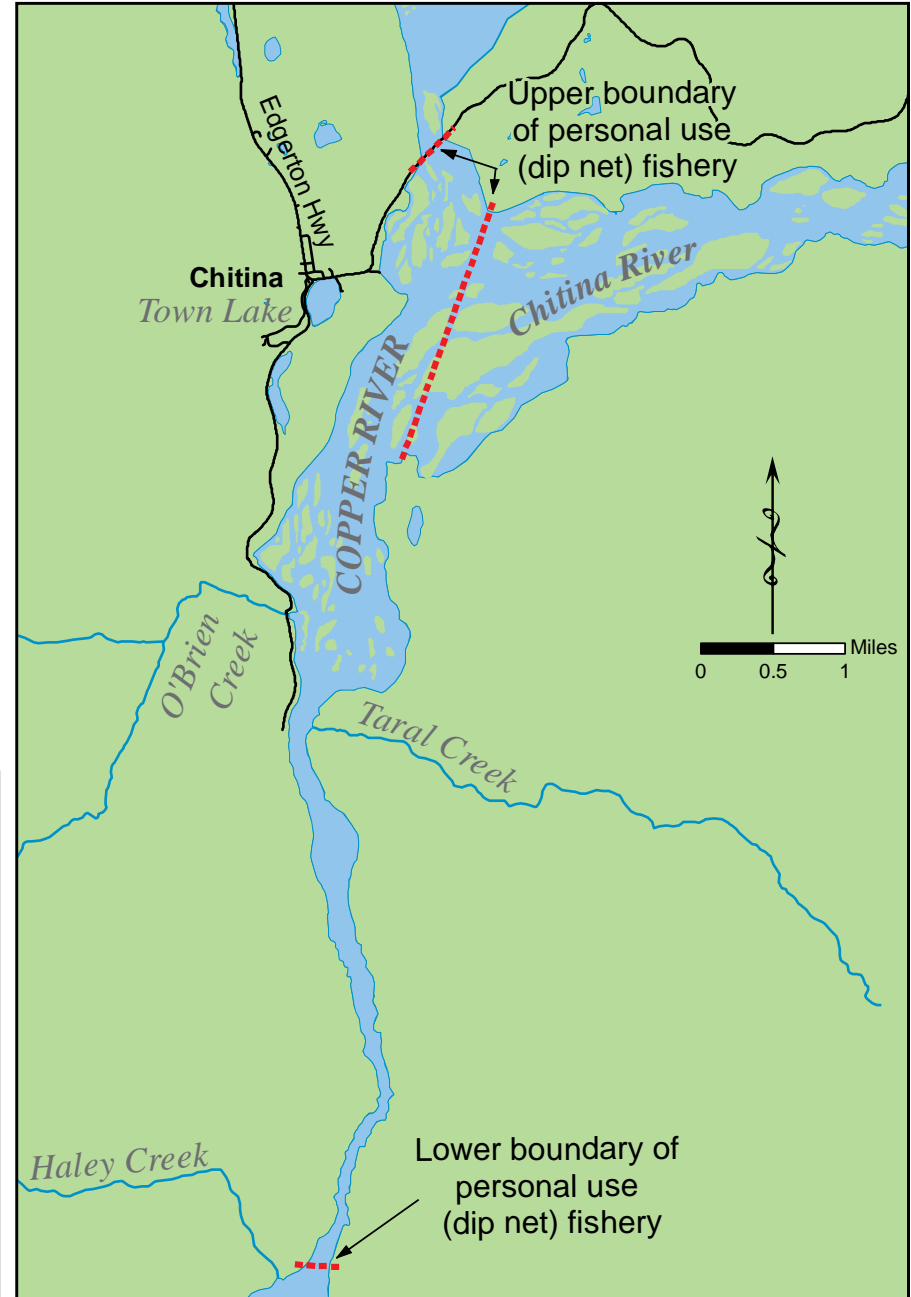




Dipping the Copper River

Dip net definition

By regulation, a dip net is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. The maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed 5 feet. The depth of the bag must be at least one-half the greatest straight-line distance as measured through the net opening. No portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4½ inches. The frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand.



This information is provided to answer frequently asked questions about the Copper River Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon (Chitina dip net) fishery. For a complete list of regulations, please call or visit your local ADF&G office and ask for a copy of the publication "Public Access and Fishery Regulations for the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon Fishery," available at local ADF&G offices after May 1 or from the Chitina Dipnet Fishery link at:

<http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>

The personal use salmon fishery is open only to Alaska residents. Nonresidents may not participate. A resident sport fishing license is required.

Notice of fishery openings and general information are available 24 hours a day by calling:

Glennallen at 822-5224

Fairbanks at 459-7382

Anchorage at 267-2511

or on the web from the Chitina Dipnet Fishery link at:

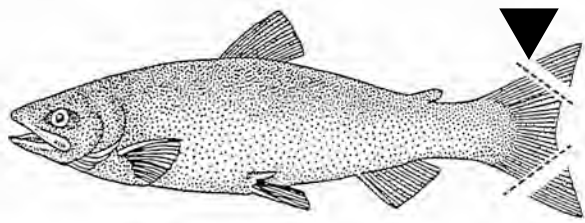
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Be sure to call the recorded message **before** leaving for Chitina. The numbers are listed above.

The first open fishing period will occur between June 7 and June 15, depending upon strength and timing of the salmon run. Permits will be available at all locations no later than June 1.

- A permit is required and must be in your possession while taking or transporting fish. All salmon must be recorded on your permit **before** leaving the fishing site.
- Permits can be obtained ONLINE at <http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>, and at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, and Glennallen. Permits are also available at some private vendors, for a list see the Chitina pages at <http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>, or call any of the ADF&G offices listed above.
- Only one Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit will be issued to a household per year.
- **Permits are \$15.** Funds from permit sales are used to provide sanitation and trail maintenance at the fishery.

- A household may not obtain both a Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit and a Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit in the same year.
- The annual limit is 25 salmon for the head of household and 10 salmon for each dependent of the permit holder, per permit, per year.
- Only one (1) king salmon is allowed per permit per year, and it is included in the annual household limit.
- King salmon retention may be closed by emergency order at any time. Always check current regulations before harvesting a king salmon.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout may not be kept.
- You must report for each permit by October 15th, even if you did not fish or did not harvest any fish. Reporting may be done ONLINE at: <http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>, or by mailing your permit to the address printed on the permit.



Both tips of the tail fin must be immediately removed

- For purposes of this fishery, "immediately" means before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the fishing site. "Fishing site" means the location where the fish was removed from the water and became part of the permit holder's bag limit.

Most land in the Chitina area is privately owned by the Chitina Village Corporation or the Ahtna Regional Corporation. Please respect the rights of landowners in the area, and obey all regulatory signs concerning access, parking, and other subjects.



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by Tom Taube