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2018 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 43 District 6 Subsistence, Personal Use, and Commercial Fishing Schedules Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

This news release relaxes subsistence and personal use fishing to the regulatory schedule and opens commercial fishing 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 kept for personal use must 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**.

Commercial periods will be open concurrent with the subsistence and personal use fishing schedules in District 6 until further notice. 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 Wood River, which includes the communities of Manley, Minto, and Nenana):

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, <u>subsistence and commercial fishing will be open for two 42-hour periods per week</u> with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:

- 6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

A subsistence fishing permit is required to fish for salmon in the Tanana River drainage below the Wood River. Permits are available from the ADF&G office in Fairbanks. Subsistence salmon fishermen in the upper portion of Subdistrict 6-B, from three miles upstream of the mouth of Totchaket Slough to Wood River, are required to report their harvest catches to the department by 4:30 p.m. Thursday each week by reporting online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU/ or by

calling (907) 459-7388. When you call, please provide your name, permit number, fishing location, and daily catch by species for that week.

Subdistrict 6-C Personal Use (from the regulatory marker at the mouth of the Wood River upstream to the Salcha River, which includes the communities of Fairbanks, North Pole, and Salcha):

Effective 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, personal use and commercial fishing will be open for two 42hour periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from:

- 6 p.m. Fridays to 12 p.m. noon Sundays
- 6 p.m. Mondays to 12 p.m. noon Wednesdays

A personal use salmon fishing permit and sport fish license are required to fish in Subdistrict 6-C. Fishermen are required to report their harvest catches to the department by **4:30 p.m. Thursday** each week by reporting online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU/ or by calling (907) **459-7388**. When you call, please provide your name, permit number, fishing location, and daily catch by species for that week.

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