



Federal Subsistence Board

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Yukon Area End of Fall Season Schedule in District 6

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
43 CFR 51.10 and .19

Emergency Special Action No: 03-FC-16-26 Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska, September 21, 2026

Current Emergency and Temporary Special Actions will be rescinded on the following date:

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 8:00 a.m. for Subdistrict 6-A and the Upper Tanana River drainage

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Special Action announces the date when subsistence fishing restrictions are removed in the Tanana River drainage (District 6). After restrictions are removed, subsistence fishing for all species of fish is allowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear.

REGULATION:

*Pursuant to the special action in effect, [03-FC-12-26](#), salmon harvest is open in federal public waters of the Tanana River drainage for federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage. Fishing is allowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear. **The following regulation removes federal action, rescinds the subsistence fishing gear restriction, and allows the use of 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets to target all species of fish.***

36 CFR 242.27(e)(3) and 43 CFR 51.27(e)(3) Subsistence taking of fish—Yukon-Northern Area is amended to read:

§ __.27(e)(3)(ii) *In federal public waters of the following Tanana River drainage areas:*

Subdistrict 6-A (including waters in Denali National Park) and Upper Tanana drainage (including waters in Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve):

Effective 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, all federal actions and subsistence fishing restrictions are rescinded. Subsistence fishing opens 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch and smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal gear. All fish caught can be kept.

JUSTIFICATION:

The fall chum salmon run is likely to meet all the escapement goals within Alaska. Currently, the fall chum salmon run is nearly complete, and it is no longer necessary to limit salmon fishing in federal public waters to federally qualified subsistence users; therefore, we are relaxing management to the default overwinter regulation.

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH:

This action was taken in coordination with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The fishing schedules announced here match those issued concurrently by the ADF&G in State waters (**Fall Fishery Advisory Announcement #24**). The Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Chairs for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Eastern Interior, Western Interior, and Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Councils were notified as was the Chair and Executive Director of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Review was provided by the Office of Subsistence Management.

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