



Federal Subsistence Board

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Yukon Area Subsistence Salmon Fishing Open in the Tanana River (District 6)

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Temporary Special Action No: 03-FC-12-26

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska, September 1, 2026

Effective Date: Friday, September 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. for Tanana River drainage (District 6)

Expiration Date: Thursday, December 31, 2026, 8:00 a.m. unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION:

This Temporary Special Action opens subsistence harvest of salmon for federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage in federal public waters of the Tanana River drainage. Subsistence fishing for salmon is allowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh, and all other legal subsistence gear is allowed.

REGULATION:

Pursuant to the special actions in effect, [03-FC-06-26](#) and [03-FC-11-26](#), Chinook and coho salmon fishing is currently closed to all users in the Tanana River drainage. Selective gear may be used to harvest chum salmon 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The following regulation lifts the Chinook and coho salmon subsistence harvest closure and allows the use of 6-inch or smaller gillnets to target salmon.

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 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, subsistence fishing for salmon and non-salmon is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and all other legal subsistence fishing gear in federal public waters of the Tanana River drainage. Salmon harvest is limited in federal public waters to federally qualified subsistence users of the Yukon River drainage.

As a reminder within the Tanana River drainage:

All salmon and non-salmon species can be retained in selective gear types 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. While a fish wheel is operating, it no longer needs to be manned.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Chinook salmon run is complete and harvest is unlikely. The summer chum salmon run has met the drainage-wide escapement goal. The fall chum salmon run has met the drainage-wide escapement

goal, and the Delta River escapement goal is likely to be met, which means harvest on U.S.-origin fall chum salmon stocks is warranted when possible. The run strength of coho salmon improved and there is no longer a conservation concern that would require limiting subsistence harvest of coho salmon. It is necessary to limit salmon fishing in federal public waters to federally qualified subsistence users to provide for the continuation of subsistence uses.

CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH:

The Yukon River salmon outlooks and management strategies were discussed at a federal public hearing; the Eastern Interior, Western Interior, and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council meetings; the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association preseason meeting; at the Yukon River Panel and at the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission annual meeting. The federal manager offered formal Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation meetings with Yukon River drainage Tribal Governments upon request. The federal fishery outlook and management strategy was sent to all Yukon Tribal and City governments on April 7. Approximately 3,500 copies of the Preseason Outlook flier were mailed to Yukon River fishing households in May.

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 #18**). 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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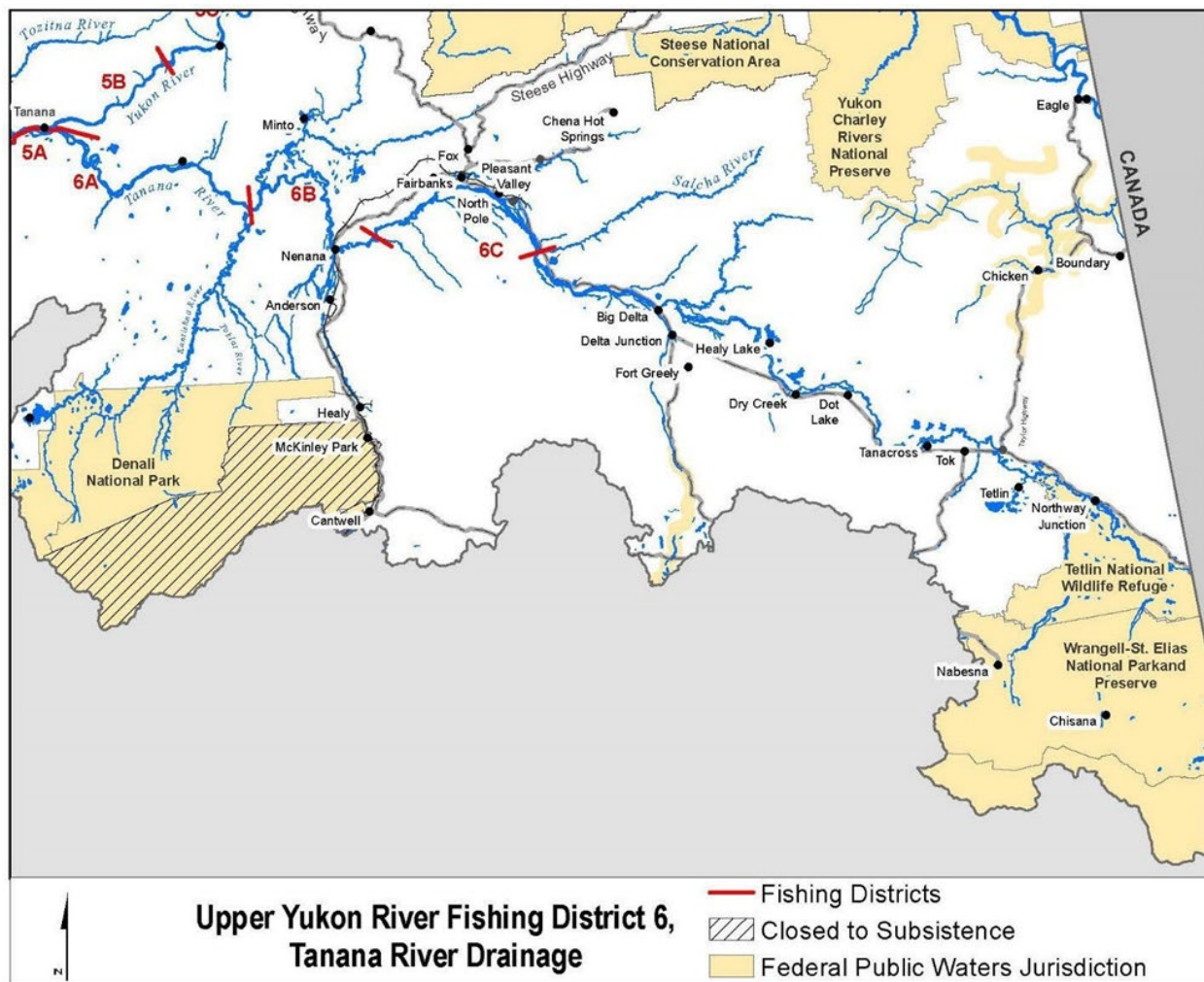
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See below for a detailed area map of federal public waters in the Tanana River Drainage:

Communities and streams adjacent to the boundary of federal lands are part of federal waters, even on the opposite side of the river.



In District 6 (Tanana River), Northway, Nabesna and Chisana are in federal waters. Manley, Minto, Nenana, Fairbanks, North Pole, Delta Junction, Dot Lake, Tanacross, Tok, and Tetlin are in state waters.

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