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Action Announced to Increase Chinook Salmon Harvest Limit in the Federal Subsistence Fisheries of the Upper Copper River District

Copper Center, AK. Under delegated authority by the Federal Subsistence Board for the Federal subsistence fisheries of the Upper Copper River District, the Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve announced today a rescindment of the harvest limit reduction for Chinook Salmon taken by dip net or rod and reel for the period of June 1 through July 15. **Beginning 12:01 a.m., June 10, the annual harvest limit Chinook Salmon will return to 5 taken by dipnet and 5 taken by rod and reel in the combined Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts of the Upper Copper River District for the remainder of the season, unless superseded by subsequent management action.**

This management action in the Federal subsistence fisheries of the Upper Copper River District is being taken after review of preliminary inseason Chinook Salmon run strength indicators, which imply the sustainable escapement goal may be achievable and that continued restrictions in the Federal subsistence fishery should no longer be necessary. The inriver Chinook Salmon run strength will continue to be monitored to assess the potential need for Federal subsistence fisheries management action in the fisheries of the Upper Copper River District.

A Federal permit is required to participate in the fisheries under Federal regulations. These fisheries are only open to Federally qualified users having customary and traditional use of salmon in each subdistrict. Federal permits may be obtained without charge from the National Park Service offices in Copper Center, Slana, Chitina, or Kennecott. They are also available at the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge in Tok.

The National Park Service office in Copper Center provides a recorded message phone with the most current fishing schedule. The recorded message is available 24-hours daily. The phone number is (907) 822-7256. Subsistence users are encouraged to call this number prior to fishing to determine if amendments have been made to previously announced fishing schedules.

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Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>