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Amendment of Chitina Subdistrict Federal Subsistence Fishing Schedule Announced

Copper Center, AK. The pre-season fishing schedule for Federally qualified subsistence users in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River was amended today by the Federal Subsistence Board. This pre-season schedule is identical to the State pre-season schedule and is subject to change based on numbers of salmon entering the Copper River.

Amended Schedule for the 2017 Federal Subsistence Salmon Fishery Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District

<u>Open Fishing Period</u>		<u>Open Hours</u>
Wednesday, June 7, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 11, 11:59 p.m.	120 hours
Monday, June 12, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 18, 11:59 p.m.	168 hours
Monday, June 19, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 25, 11:59 p.m.	168 hours
Monday, June 26, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, July 2, 11:59 p.m.	168 hours
Monday, July 3, 12:01 a.m.	through Tuesday, July 4, 11:59 p.m.	48 hours
Friday, July 7, 12:01 p.m.	through Sunday July 9, 11:59 p.m.	66 hours
Tuesday, July 11, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, July 16, 11:59 p.m.	126 hours
Tuesday, July 18, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, July 23, 11:59 p.m.	126 hours
Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday July 30, 11:59 p.m.	102 hours
Wednesday, August 2, 6:00 a.m.	through Sunday, August 6, 11:59 p.m.	114 hours

This fishery is open during the periods listed above to Federally qualified subsistence users having customary and traditional use of salmon in this Subdistrict. Amendments to this schedule and additional periods will be announced as the season progresses. **As a reminder, the harvest limit for Chinook Salmon taken by the combined gear types of dip net or rod and reel has been reduced to 2, through July 15.**

A Federal permit is required to participate in the fisheries under Federal regulations. This permit may be obtained without charge from the National Park Service in Copper Center, Slana, Chitina, or McCarthy. 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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