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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 season schedule is identical to the State 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

<u>Open Fishing Period</u>		<u>Open Hours</u>
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 Sunday July 9, 8:00 a.m.	152 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
Monday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday, August 13, 11:59 p.m.	150 hours
Monday, August 14, 12:01 a.m.	continuous, as provided by regulation	

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.

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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