



Federal Subsistence Board

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TAKU RIVER FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: FSA 13-SA-03-26

Issued at: Juneau, Alaska, June 12, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Temporary Special Action establishes the Federal subsistence salmon fishery regulations in the Taku River for the 2026 season.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(e)(13) and 43 CFR 100.27(e)(13) are amended to read:

§ __.27(e)(13)

(xxiii) The Federal waters of the Taku River are open to Federal subsistence Sockeye Salmon harvest in the Taku River drainage from the Taku Lodge upstream to the U.S./Canada Border only under the authority of a federal subsistence fishing permit. Each Taku River permit will be issued to a household.

(A) You may take Sockeye Salmon from July 1- 31. The annual limit for a household of one person is 10 Sockeye Salmon; for a household of two or more people, the annual limit is 20 Sockeye.

(B) Only set gillnets not exceeding 15 fathoms in length may be used.

(C) You may retain other salmon species caught incidentally by gear operated under terms of this permit. The possession limit of incidentally harvested Chinook Salmon is 2; the possession limit of incidentally harvested Coho Salmon is 6. Salmon incidentally caught and retained must be reported on your harvest permit.

(D) Set gillnets may not be used within 100 yards of Canyon Island fish wheels.

(E) Any tags or transmitters retrieved from harvested salmon must be returned to ADF&G.

(F) Permit holders must be physically present at the net while net is in operation.

JUSTIFICATION: The Taku River is a transboundary river system subject to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The Federal subsistence salmon fishery dates are established by emergency action after consultation with the Pacific Salmon Commission. A virtual public hearing was held on June 9, 2026, from 6 pm – 7 pm to gather public input on the Taku River Federal subsistence salmon fishery. Following the public hearing, and in consultation with the Pacific Salmon Commission, the in-season manager determined that the Federal Sockeye Salmon fishery will open July 1-31, 2026 with the above regulations.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTIONS AFFECTED:

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to: /s/Laura Buchheit
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June 12, 2026

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