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Chitina Subdistrict Pre-season Federal Subsistence Fishing Schedule Announced

Copper Center, AK... The Federal Subsistence Board announced today that the first open period for Federally qualified subsistence users in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River will begin June 3. This pre-season schedule is identical to the State schedule and is subject to change based on numbers of salmon entering the Copper River.

2004 Federal Subsistence Salmon Fishery Pre-season Schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District.

Dates	Period Hours
Thursday, June 3, 6:00 AM – Sunday, June 6, 11:59 PM	90
Monday, June 7, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 13, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 14, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 20, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 21, 12:01 AM – Sunday, June 27, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, June 28, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 4, 11:59 PM	168
Monday, July 5, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 11, 11:59 PM	168
Tuesday, July 13, 12:01 AM – Sunday, July 18, 11:59 PM	144
Monday, July 19, 12:01 AM – Sunday, September 30, 11:59 PM	Continuous

This fishery is open, during the periods listed above, to Federally qualified subsistence users. A Federal permit is required to participate in the fishery under Federal regulations. This permit may be obtained without charge from the National Park Service office in Copper Center or Slana from 8-5 Monday through Friday until Memorial Day and then 7 days per week thereafter.

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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