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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 8  
District 3 and Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Recent data from the Lower Yukon Test Fishery and Pilot Station Sonar indicate that the first pulse of Chinook salmon, which is typically bound for spawning grounds in Canada, is in the lower river. The 2017 management strategy is to protect these fish as they travel upriver. Therefore, subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets is closing in District 3 and will re-open to target summer chum salmon with selective gear (dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels).

**District 3:**

Subsistence fishing in District 3 is currently closed. **Effective 8 a.m. Sunday, June 11, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets, beach seines, and live-release fish wheels only to target summer chum salmon for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice.**

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing.

**All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets, beach seines, and fish wheels.**

**Innoko River:**

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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