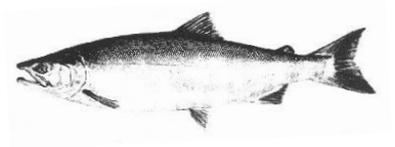


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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 10
Yukon River District 2 Commercial Period 3
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 9**

The 2016 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon run size relationship, is for a run size between 800,000 and 900,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes. The first pulse of fall chum salmon entered the Yukon River on July 18 and is passing the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through July 25 is 311,200 fish, which is above the historical median of 100,100 fish for that date.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Wednesday, July 27 from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be an 8-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Verbal reports from the District 2 commercial opening on July 24 indicate a preliminary harvest of 18,816 fall chum salmon from 140 deliveries. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest of fall chum harvest to date in District 2 is 38,766 fish.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 2, subsistence

salmon fishing will close at 1:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 28.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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