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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 12  
Yukon River Subdistricts 5-A-B-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area  
Emergency Order # 12

The 2016 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon 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 estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through July 28 is estimated to be approximately 360,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 134,902 fish for that date. The first pulse of approximately 272,000 fall chum salmon entered the Yukon River over 5 days. This first pulse should reach the communities of Tanana around August 6 and Rampart on August 8. As a result of the Chinook salmon restrictions put in place in the Yukon Area this season, the department is increasing the opportunity to harvest fall chum salmon for subsistence use. Therefore, the current subsistence schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C are being relaxed.

**Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C** (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek): This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is open five days per week, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays, with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be open for 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Subsistence fishermen may use fish wheels and gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistricts 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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