

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2018 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 12
Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

At this time, a precautionary management approach to subsistence harvest of Chinook salmon will remain in effect as the run abundance of king salmon is being assessed. However, commercial summer chum salmon fishing periods with selective gear (dip nets and beach seines) are being announced between subsistence fishing periods to allow for harvest of summer chum, which are increasing in the lower river. **All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket.**

District 1 (including Black River) Commercial:

Commercial fishing will be open for 72-hours with dip nets and beach seine gear:

- from **noon Saturday June 16, until noon Tuesday, June 19.**

All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket.

District 2 Commercial:

Effective **12 p.m. Saturday, June 16**, commercial fishing will be open for four 12-hour periods with dip nets and beach seines:

- Noon to Midnight, Saturday, June 16,
- Noon to Midnight, Sunday, June 17,
- Noon to Midnight, Tuesday, June 19
- Noon to Midnight, Wednesday, June 20

All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer prior to fishing.

District 1 Subsistence fishing with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- **2 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 a.m. Wednesdays**
- **2 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays**

Subsistence fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods.

District 2 Subsistence fishing with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

- **2 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays**
- **2 p.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Tuesdays**

Subsistence fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods.

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

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