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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 13
Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The first pulse of Chinook salmon has passed through the lower river, and assessment of the second pulse of Chinook salmon at Pilot Station Sonar is indicating that the Chinook run size may be similar to 2016. The 2017 management strategy is to protect the first pulse, take a precautionary approach, and to provide limited Chinook and liberal summer chum harvest opportunity. Therefore, subsistence fishing opportunity with gillnets restricted to 6-inches or smaller is being provided as well as shorter periods with 7.5-inch or smaller gillnets.

Management Actions

South Coastal District Subsistence:

Subsistence fishing is currently open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 6 p.m. Sunday, June 18, subsistence fishermen may use 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets. Fishing will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

District 1 (including Black River and North Coastal District) Subsistence:

Subsistence fishing is currently open with dip nets and beach seines. Fishing with dip nets and beach seines will close at noon, Sunday, June 18, and immediately re-open with salmon gillnets.

Effective Sunday, June 18, from noon until midnight, subsistence fishing is open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for one 12-hour period.

Effective Monday, June 19, subsistence fishing is open from 4 a.m. until 2 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (one 10-hr period each day) with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 1 (including Black River) commercial:

Commercial fishing for summer chum salmon remains on schedule with selective gear only, from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. Monday thru Saturdays (one 12-hour period each day except Sunday) until further notice. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines and recorded on a fish ticket.

District 2 Subsistence:

Subsistence fishing is currently open with dip nets and beach seines. Fishing with dip nets and beach seines will close at noon, Sunday, June 18, and immediately re-open with salmon gillnets.

Effective Sunday, June 18, from noon until midnight, subsistence fishing is open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for one 12-hour period.

Effective Monday, June 19, subsistence fishing will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday (one 10-hour period each day) with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 3:

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open with dip nets, beach seines and live-release fish wheels. Fishing with selective gear will close At 8 p.m. Sunday, June 18, and immediately re-open with salmon gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, June 18 fishing will be open on the regulatory schedule of two 36-hour periods per week from 8 p.m. Sundays to 8 a.m. Tuesdays, and from 8 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Fridays with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective noon, Tuesday June 20, subsistence fishing will be open for one 24-hour period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from noon, Tuesday, June 20, until noon, Wednesday June 21.

Innoko River:

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

General Reminders:

Fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length during salmon fishing closures and all salmon caught in gillnets may be kept.

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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