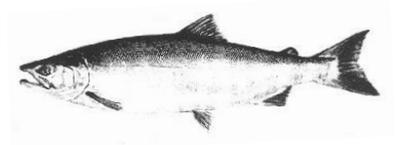


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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 14
District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

As of June 10, the sonar project near Pilot Station estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 14,500 Chinook salmon and a cumulative passage of approximately 104,400 summer chum salmon. Though it is too early in the season to assess run strength, these passage estimates are above average for this date. On average, the first quarter point of the summer chum salmon run passes the Lower Yukon Test Fishery approximately June 18–June 19 and the Pilot Station sonar on June 22.

The Lower Yukon Test Fishery encountered a large group of summer chum on the morning of June 10, which may indicate that the summer chum salmon run is beginning to build.

Therefore, two 12-hour commercial periods in District 1 were announced for Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11. Starting Monday, June 13, an alternating daily subsistence and commercial fishing schedule with dip nets and beach seines will be in effect until Friday, June 17. Fishermen requested at pre-season management meetings that the department provide this alternating schedule rather than concurrent subsistence and commercial periods in order to reduce competition among fishing sites.

All Chinook salmon incidentally encountered during subsistence and commercial fishing periods must be immediately released alive.

Fishermen should expect relatively low summer chum salmon catches at the start of the commercial fishing season as it is still early in the summer chum salmon run.

Management Actions

District 1 (including the Black River) Subsistence:

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open on the following schedule with dip nets and beach seines.

- Saturday, June 11, from 2:00 a.m. until Saturday, June 11, at 12:00 p.m. noon.
- Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 a.m. until Monday, June 13, at 2:00 pm

Effective 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 13, subsistence salmon fishing will close. Following this closure, subsistence fishing will be closed one hour before, during, and one hour after commercial periods. Subsistence salmon fishing will be open on the following schedule:

- Tuesday, June 14, from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 15, from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 16, from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 17, from 4:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18 from 4:00 a.m. until further notice.

All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately.

District 1 (including the Black River) Commercial:

Commercial fishing for summer chum salmon in District 1 is scheduled to be open for two 12-hour periods with beach seine and dip net gear only as follows:

- Friday, June 10, from 1:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 11, at 1:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 11, at 1:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 a.m.

Effective Monday, June 13, commercial fishing for summer chum salmon in District 1 will be open for the following periods:

- Monday, June 13, from 3:00 p.m. until Tuesday, June 14, at 3:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 14, from 3:00 p.m. until Wednesday, June 15, at 3:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 15, from 3:00 p.m. until Thursday, June 16, at 3:00 a.m.
- Thursday, June 16, from 3:00 p.m. until Friday, June 17, at 3:00 a.m.
- Friday, June 17, from 3:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 18, at 3:00 a.m.

All Chinook salmon are required to be released alive from dip net and beach seine gear and must be recorded on a fish ticket. This requirement will be strictly enforced. Fishermen are reminded that great care must be taken to ensure Chinook salmon are released unharmed so that they can swim the long distance upriver and spawn successfully.

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. Fishermen are reminded that 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.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at (907) 949-1798.

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