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2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 16
Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Chinook salmon passage at the Pilot Station sonar is well below average and appears to be similar to 2015 in run timing and abundance, indicating the run may be coming in toward the lower end of the preseason projection. While a run of this size should be large enough to meet escapement goals, some subsistence restrictions are necessary.

Subsistence gillnets are being restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh. This is to allow some reduced harvest of Chinook salmon and provide summer chum harvest opportunity. In districts 1 through 4-A, one subsistence period was also cancelled in a previous announcement. These actions intend to ensure some passage of early Chinook salmon thru to the upper river.

Subsistence Management Actions:

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

Subsistence fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 2 p.m. Friday June 22.

Effective 2 p.m. Friday, June 22, subsistence salmon fishing will open with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

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

District 2:

Subsistence fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 2 p.m. Thursday June 21.

Effective 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will open with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets 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**

District 3:

Subsistence fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 2 p.m. Thursday June 21.

Effective 2 p.m. Thursday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will open with **7.5-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets for one 18-hour period from:

- **2 p.m. Thursday June 21 to 8 a.m. Friday June 22**

Effective 2 p.m. Monday, June 24, subsistence salmon fishing will open with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets on a reduced regulatory schedule consisting of two 18-hour periods per week from:

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

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used. News releases and fishery information will be shared on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG

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