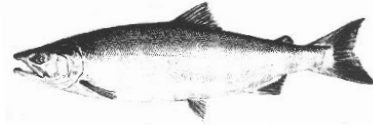


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**2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 18
District 1 Commercial Period 4 and Subsistence Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2019 fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, has been revised to a range of 700,000-800,000 fish. Run sizes within this range are expected to provide for escapement, subsistence needs, and a limited commercial fishery. Fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near the community of Pilot Station is above the historical median level.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:

- **Set Net Only Area:** 9-hour period on Thursday, August 8 from 1:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
- **Remainder of District 1:** 6-hour period on Thursday, August 8 from 4:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Chinook salmon may be sold during these commercial openings. All Chinook salmon sold or retained for subsistence during commercial openings must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

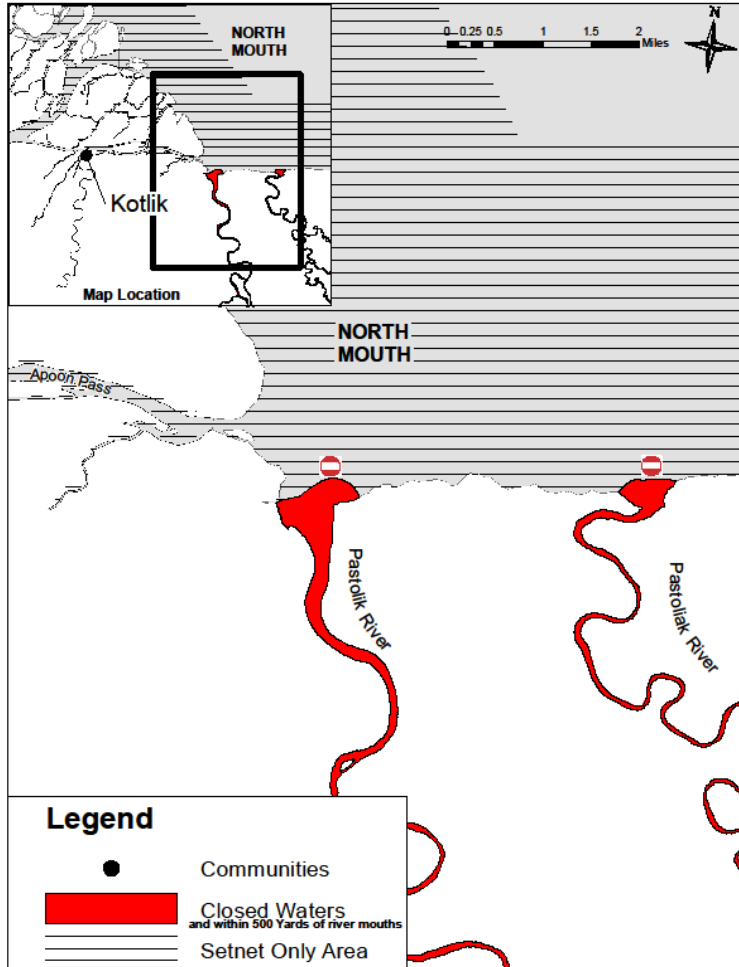
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing (see map below). Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. **Subsistence salmon fishing, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, August 8, and reopen at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 9.**

Subsistence fishermen must remove both tips of the tail fin of Chinook salmon before concealing from plain view or leaving the fishing site.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 949-1798.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing.
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