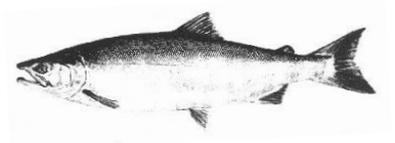


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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 21
Yukon River Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 19

The 2016 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size between 800,000 and 900,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 6 is 445,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 260,500 fish for that date. The first pulse of fall chum salmon entered the Yukon River on July 16 and is expected to be near Rampart on August 8 the Rapids around August 9. High water may slow the passage of fish and delay timing slightly from these dates.

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Schedule:

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 8, commercial fishing in Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C, will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week until further notice. Fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller. **Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing. Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.**

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistricts 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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