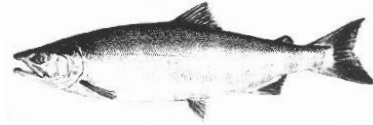


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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 25  
District 1 Commercial Period 8 and Subsistence Schedule  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

The 2018 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is 700,000 to 900,000 fish. Fall chum salmon passage by the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 7 is 235,400 fish, which is below the 294,600 fish median for that date. Although passage is below median, the 2018 fall chum salmon run is tracking within the preseason projection range.

**District 1 Commercial Fishing:**

Commercial fishing will open for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District 1 on Thursday, August 9 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Set Net Only Area** with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The remainder of District 1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 9 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The sale of incidentally caught Chinook salmon is prohibited. All Chinook salmon kept for personal use 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.**

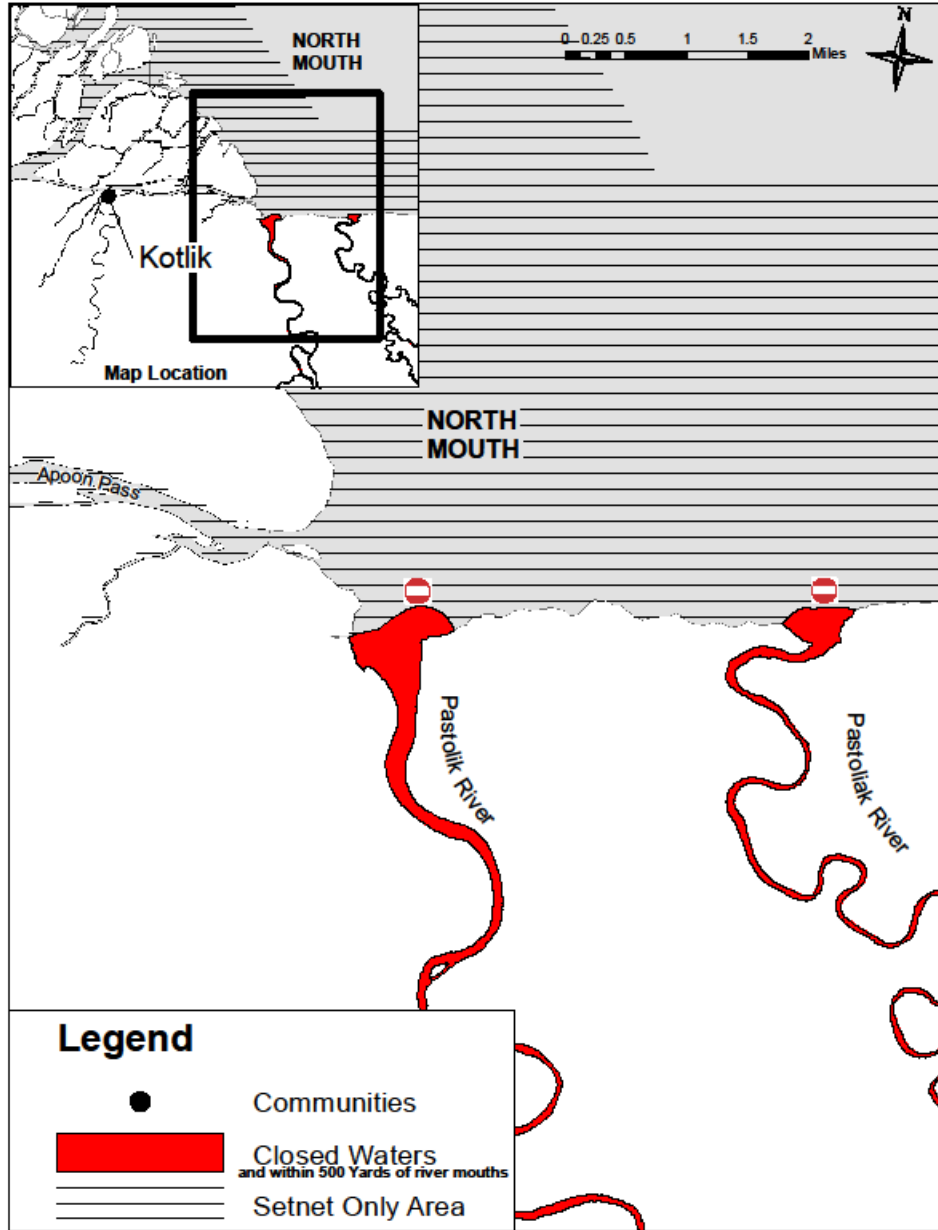
Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 6 indicate a harvest of 7,269 fall chum salmon and 1,791 coho salmon from 180 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 59,740 fall chum salmon and 3,279 coho salmon.

**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 gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. **Subsistence salmon fishing in District**

**1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 2:00 a.m. Thursday, August 9, and reopen at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 10.**

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation 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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