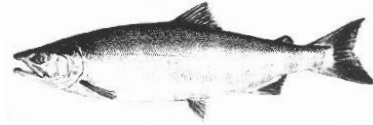


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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 26  
District 2 Commercial Period 8 and Subsistence Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

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 9 is 252,800 fish, which is below the 307,244 fish median for that date. Although passage is below median, the 2018 fall chum salmon run is tracking within the preseason projection range.

**District 2 Commercial Fishing:**

**Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 10.** This will be a 4-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold. **It is important commercial fishermen confirm their buyer prior to fishing as all the registered buyers in District 2 may be operating.**

**District 2 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule:**

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 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 closures before, during and after commercial fishing periods. **Because of the short notice for this opening, Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 10, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 11.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 8 indicate a harvest of 6,425 fall chum salmon from 143 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 through August 8 is 30,858 fall chum salmon.

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