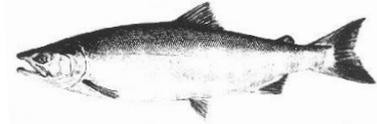


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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 27
Yukon River District 2 Commercial Period 8
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 24**

The 2016 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon run size 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 11 is 462,400 fish, which is above the historical median of 331,700 fish for that date.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Saturday, August 13 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Verbal reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 10 indicate a preliminary harvest of 1,267 fall chum and 516 coho salmon from 62 deliveries. The cumulative commercial harvest in District 2 to date is 75,373 fall chum and 1,567 coho salmon.

District 2 Subsistence 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 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 2, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 2:00 a.m. Saturday, August 13, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, August 14.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

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 Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

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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