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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 2  
Fall Announcement # 2, Districts 1, 2, and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedules**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan goes into effect beginning July 16 in the District 1. Upriver management districts and subdistricts will switch to fall management as the fall chum salmon migration reaches those areas. The fall season lower river test fishery will begin operations at Emmonak on July 16, the Mountain Village test fishery on July 18, and the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station will begin reporting all chum salmon as fall chum salmon on July 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.

**Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following changes to subsistence fishing in the Lower Yukon River districts will occur:**

**District 1**

Effective 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 16, subsistence fishing in District 1 will be open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

## **District 2**

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, subsistence fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

## **District 3**

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, subsistence fishing in District 3 will be open for the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

## **Northern Portion of the Coastal District**

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 16, subsistence fishing in northern portion of the Coastal District will be open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures around commercial openings, subsistence fishermen targeting non-salmon species may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.

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 cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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