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2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 2 Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2018 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size of 700,000 to 900,000 fish. This level of abundance is anticipated to be sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes.

Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following management actions will occur in the Lower Yukon Area districts:

Coastal District (Naskonat Peninsula to 1 mile south of Black River)

Effective 12:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, the Coastal District will transition to fall season management. Subsistence fishing will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 1 (1 mile south of Black River to Point Romanof)

Subsistence fishing is currently open during the summer season for 9 hours each day from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 3 p.m. Sunday, July 15, subsistence fishing will be open for the fall season for 24 hours a day, 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 2

Subsistence fishing will open as previously announced for two more summer season periods with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets from:

- **2 p.m. Thursday, July 12 to 8 a.m. Friday, July 13**
- **2 p.m. Monday, July 16 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 17**

Effective 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, subsistence fishing in District 2 will be open for the fall season for 24 hours a day, 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 3

Subsistence fishing is open for the summer season on a schedule of two 36-hour periods per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:

- 8 p.m. Wednesdays to 8 a.m. Fridays**
- 8 p.m. Sunday to 8 a.m. Tuesdays**

Effective 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, subsistence fishing in District 3 will be open for the fall season 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Subsistence fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used to target non-salmon species.

News releases and fishery information will be shared on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG

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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