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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 2 Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2019 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size of 625,000 fall chum salmon with a range of 500,000 to 750,000 fish. Run sizes within this range are expected to provide for escapement and subsistence use needs. In accordance with the *Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan*, a threshold run size of 550,000 fish is necessary to open a fall chum salmon directed commercial fishery. Commercial fishing would be allowed on the surplus above that level.

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

Coastal District

The Coastal District will transition to fall season management with subsistence fishing remaining open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

District 1

Effective 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 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

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 19, 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

Effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 21, 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.

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