

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## **2018 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 32 Districts 1-3 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedules Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Estimated Chinook salmon passage at Pilot Station is well below average to date. Subsistence periods will remain on half the regulatory schedule with most gillnet openings limited to 6-inch or smaller mesh. These actions are intended to reduce harvest on incoming Chinook salmon while allowing harvest of summer chum salmon. As a reminder, dip nets are not legal for subsistence harvest of salmon. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, only gillnets with 4-inch or smaller mesh may be used.

### **Subsistence Management Actions:**

#### **District 1** (including the Black River and North Coastal District):

Subsistence fishing is open from 2 p.m. Friday, June 29 and will close 8 a.m. Saturday, June 30 with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Subsistence fishing will reopen effective 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets for two 18-hour periods from:

- **2 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 to 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 4**
- **2 p.m. Friday, July 6 to 8 a.m. Saturday, July 7**

#### **District 2:**

Subsistence fishing is **currently closed** and will open effective 2 p.m. Monday, July 2 with **6-inch** or smaller mesh gillnets for two 18-hour periods from:

- **2 p.m. Monday, July 2 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 3**
- **2 p.m. Thursday, July 5 to 8 a.m. Friday, July 6**

**District 3:**

Subsistence fishing is **currently closed** and will open effective 2 p.m. Monday, July 2 for two 18-hour periods:

- **7.5-inch or smaller mesh: 2 p.m. Monday, July 2 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 3**
- **6-inch or smaller mesh: 2 p.m. Thursday, July 5 to 8 a.m. Friday, July 6**

**Commercial Management Actions:**

**District 1 (including Black River) Commercial:**

Commercial fishing will be open for two additional 12-hour periods with dip nets and beach seines:

- Noon to Midnight, Sunday, July 1
- Noon to Midnight, Monday, July 2

**All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket.**

**District 2 Commercial:**

Commercial fishing will be open for two additional 12-hour periods with dip nets and beach seines:

- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday, July 3
- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

**Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer prior to fishing.**

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