ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



Sam Cotten, Commissioner Scott Kelley, Director



Contact:

Holly Carroll, Area Management Biologist Deena Jallen, Assistant Area Management Biologist

Phone: (907) 949-1320

Toll free fishing schedule hotline: (866) 479-7387

Lower Yukon Area Office P.O. Box 127 Emmonak, Alaska 99581

Date Issued: July 2, 2018

2018 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 34 Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

At this time, a precautious management approach to the harvest of Chinook salmon will remain in effect. Commercial fishing will remain open in Subdistrict 4-A to target summer chum salmon with live-release fish wheels. These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules.

Commercial fish wheels must be constructed in a manner that includes:

- a) basket sides and bottoms consisting of soft mesh material similar to or made of seine web
- b) an adjustable or fixed slide or chute that consists of a smooth bottom and closed cell foam lined sides
- c) returns Chinook salmon immediately to the water.

Subdistrict 4-A (from ¾ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):

Commercial fishing is open for 24-hours a day, seven days a week until further notice. Fishermen must use commercial fish wheels that are manned at all times of operation. All Chinook salmon caught in commercial fish wheels must be immediately returned to the water alive and recorded on a fish ticket.

All salmon harvested during commercial fishing must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon kept for personal use should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold." Any salmon that have been released alive should be recorded on the fish ticket as "released alive".

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 949-1798.

News releases and fishery information will be shared on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/YukonRiverFishingADFG