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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 40
District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

As of June 26, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 126,500 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is well above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. However, based on sonar and run timing estimates, the 2016 Chinook salmon run is on track to be near the middle to upper end of the preseason outlook range of 130,000 to 175,000 Chinook salmon. A run of this size should be adequate to meet escapement goals and provide a limited harvestable surplus of Chinook salmon for subsistence.

Consistent with management strategies discussed at the pre-season meeting, subsistence fishing has been open on a reduced regulatory schedule of two 18-hour periods per week with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh in an effort to provide summer chum harvest and limited harvest of Chinook salmon. An additional 4-hour subsistence salmon fishing period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is being provided in District 3 between the two 18-hr periods to provide a brief opportunity to target Chinook salmon.

Management Actions

District 3:

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is open for two 18-hour periods per week on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:

- 8:00 p.m. Sundays to 2:00 p.m. Mondays
- 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays to 2:00 p.m. Thursdays

Effective Friday, July 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. subsistence fishing is open for one 4-hour period with 7.5 inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Chinook salmon caught in gillnets may be kept for subsistence use. Between the fishing periods subsistence salmon fishing is closed.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Dip nets and beach seines may no longer be used for subsistence fishing.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at (907) 949-1798.

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