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2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 42 District 1 Commercial Period 13 and Subsistence Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open for one period in the <u>Set Net Only Area</u> of District 1 on Friday, August 24 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the <u>Set Net Only Area</u> with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The remainder of District 1 will be open to commercial fishing on Friday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

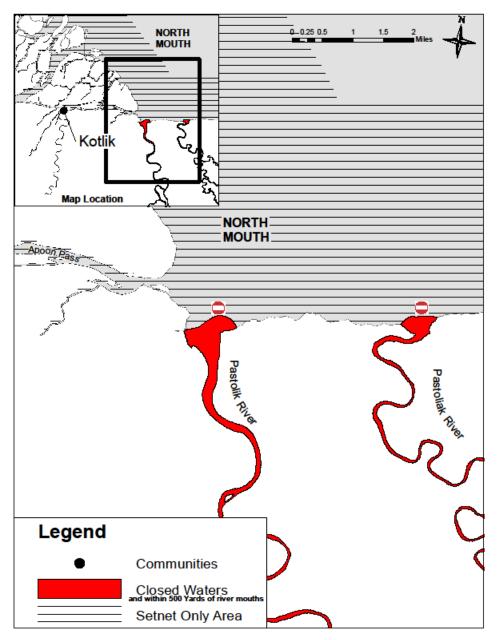
Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing, (see map below). Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets is closed in these waters, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, for closures before, during, and after each commercial opening.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for closures before, during, and after each commercial fishing period. For this commercial opening, subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 12:00 midnight Thursday, August 23, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 1-907-455-1849.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing. -end-