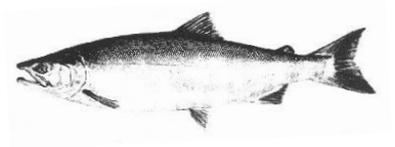


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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 48
Yukon River District 2 Commercial Period 17
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 42**

The 2016 fall chum salmon run projection, based on inseason assessment, is for a run size greater than 1.3 million fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 29 is 986,700 fish, which is above the historical median of 655,800 fish for that date.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Tuesday, August 30 from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be an 8-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest in District 2 is approximately 197,000 fall chum and 44,700 coho salmon.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after commercial fishing periods. **For this short notice commercial period, subsistence fishing will close at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday August 30 and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 31.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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