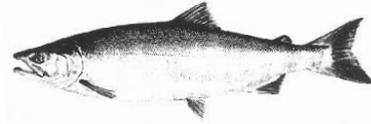


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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 4
District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

The 2018 fall chum salmon preseason run projection is for a run size of 700,000 to 900,000 fish. This level of abundance is anticipated to be sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes. A mixture of both summer chum and fall chum salmon are currently entering the Yukon River. Commercial fishing in the lower river at this time will likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open for the fall season for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District 1 on Monday, July 16 from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Set Net Only Area** with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The remainder of District 1 will be open to commercial fishing on Monday, July 16 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. **Fishermen intending to fish in the Set Net Only Area are required to register with the department prior to the opening. Registration can be completed by calling the Emmonak Fish and Game office at 949-1320.**

The sale of incidentally caught Chinook salmon is prohibited. All Chinook salmon kept for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

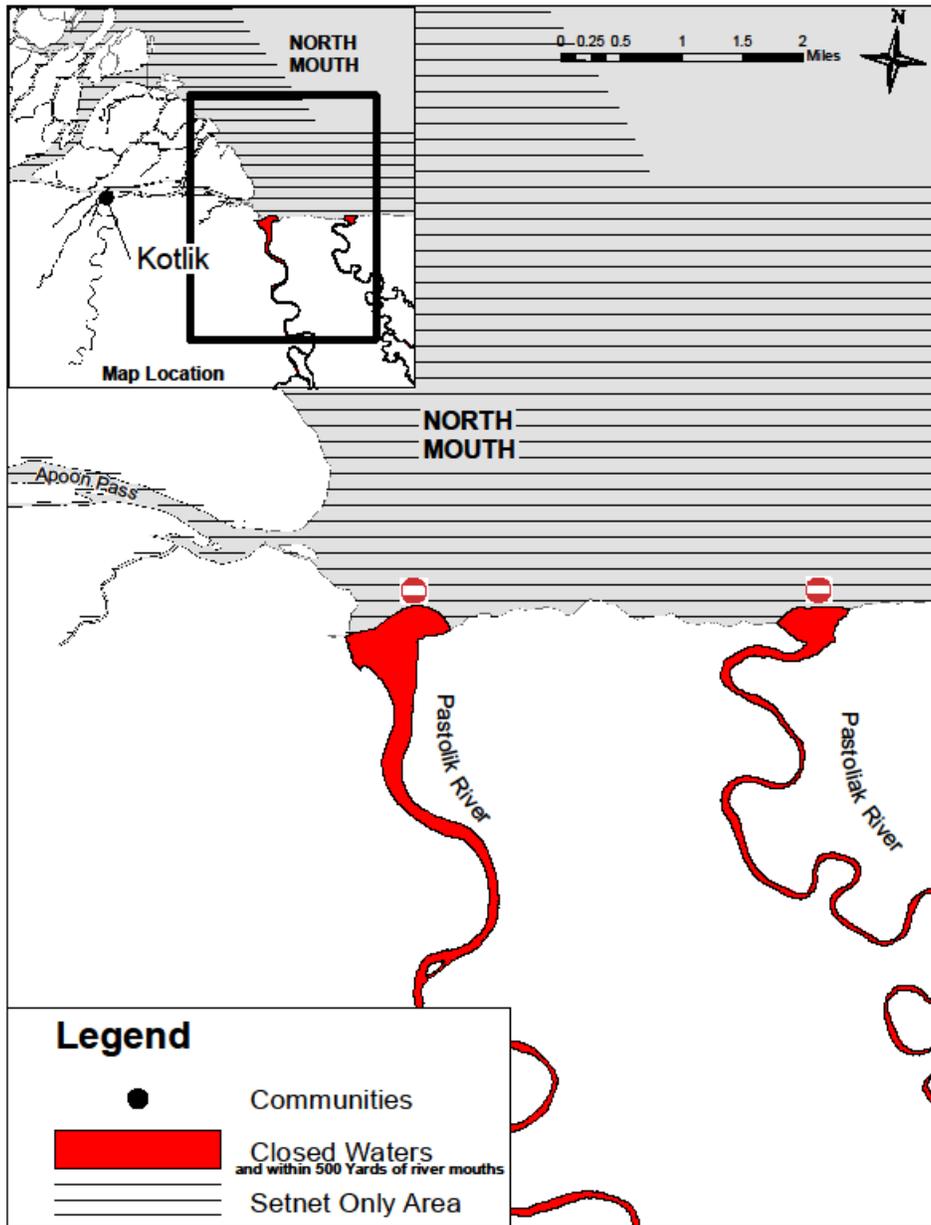
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing, (see map below). **Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.**

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, 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 each commercial fishing period. In District 1, subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 1:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 17.

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.



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