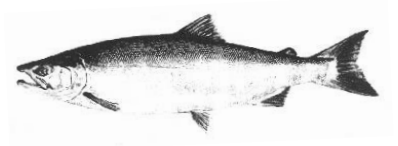


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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 52
District 1 and 2 Commercial Periods Extended by 2 hours**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing:

Due to high fish passage at the sonar near Pilot Station, the current commercial periods in Districts 1 and 2 are being extended by 2 hours tonight. **The previously announced commercial periods in District 1 and 2, on Friday, August 31 will now end at 11:00 p.m.**

District 1 and 2 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in Districts 1 and 2 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 commercial fishing periods. **Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed in Districts 1 and 2, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers, and will reopen at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 1.**

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing. 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.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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