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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #52
District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Based on sonar and run timing estimates, the 2016 summer chum salmon run is on track to be near the upper end of the preseason outlook range of 1.3 to 1.8 million fish. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 4 was approximately 1,411,000 summer chum salmon.

As of July 4, the cumulative passage of Chinook salmon at the sonar project near Pilot Station was approximately 157,000 fish, which is below average based on early year run timing. However, a run size of this magnitude is likely to meet escapement goals and provide for a limited subsistence harvest. Based on early year run timing, the Chinook salmon run is 92% complete at the sonar project. Given that the Chinook salmon run is nearly over in the lower river and summer chum salmon are still present, the subsistence salmon fishing schedule is being relaxed in District 3 beginning Sunday, July 10. Subsistence fishing will be open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The gillnet restriction is meant to provide a chum salmon harvest opportunity while minimizing the harvest of larger, older Chinook salmon.

District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is open for two 18-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Sundays to 2:00 p.m. Mondays and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 2:00 p.m. Thursdays. Fishermen may use gillnets with six-inch or smaller mesh.

Effective 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 10, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear may be kept for subsistence use. As a reminder, Chinook salmon kept for subsistence use must have both lobes (tips) of the tail fin removed before concealing the salmon from plain view or transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (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 949-1320 or the USFWS in Fairbanks at 455-1849.

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