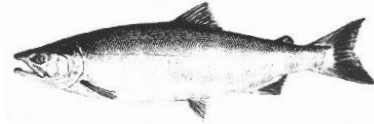


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Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The department does not anticipate any more commercial openings in District 1 for the coho salmon directed fishery due to low catches of coho salmon in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery and small harvest in recent commercial periods. In accordance with the Yukon River Coho Salmon Management Plan, the coho salmon directed commercial fishing season opened in District 1 on September 1 and will end by regulation after September 10. The Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association will continue to operate the Lower Yukon River Test Fishery through September 10 and the Mountain Village Test Fishery will continue to operate through September 10.

Verbal reports from District 1 commercial opening on September 3 indicate a preliminary harvest of 1,953 coho and 1,177 fall chum salmon. Verbal reports from District 1 commercial opening on September 6 indicate a preliminary harvest of 3,123 coho and 1,463 fall chum salmon. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 1 is 328,311 fall chum and 95,991 coho salmon.

The department congratulates District 1 and 2 commercial fishermen for setting a new fall chum salmon commercial harvest record in the Lower Yukon. In all Districts combined this has been the 2nd largest commercial harvest record for fall chum and the 3rd largest commercial harvest for coho salmon in the Alaska portion of the Yukon Area. Good work and good fishing to all.

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 Fairbanks office at 907-459-7274.

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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