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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 65
Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The first two pulses of Chinook salmon have passed the sonar project near Eagle. As of July 20, the sonar project near Eagle has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 42,400 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is above average for this date. The lower end of the border objective of 42,500–55,000 Chinook salmon will likely be met in the next few days.

Therefore, in an effort to provide additional subsistence opportunity for Chinook salmon, a 24-hour subsistence salmon fishing period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels is being announced for Subdistrict 5-D. Following the 7.5-inch subsistence salmon period, subsistence salmon fishing will open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. This gillnet restriction reduces the harvest of large, female Chinook salmon headed to spawning areas in Canada.

Management Actions

Subdistrict 5-D (from an ADF&G regulatory marker two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries and the villages of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik, Circle, and Eagle):

Subsistence fishing in Subdistrict 5-D is currently open until 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 24, with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

- Effective 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 24, subsistence salmon fishing will open for one 24-hour period with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels from 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 24, until 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 25.
- Effective 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 25, subsistence salmon fishing will open for 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets and fish wheels.

Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be kept for subsistence purposes.

A fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the following locations: the Yukon River between the western tip of Garnet Island and the Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area) and the Yukon River from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **(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 Fairbanks at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1849.

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