

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 7
District 1 Commercial Period 3
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 7**

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, from 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22 until 3:00 a.m. Sunday, July 23. This will be a 12-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Verbal reports from District 1 period 2 commercial opening on July 20 indicate a preliminary harvest of 12,246 fall chum and 227 coho salmon from 182 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date of fall chum salmon in District 1 is 73,677 fish.

Reminders to fishermen in District 1:

During subsistence salmon fishing closures in District 1, the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass are closed. These 2 rivers are also closed to commercial fishing, including 500 yards around the mouths. If you have questions, contact the Emmonak office at 949-1320.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. **For this commercial period in District 1, subsistence salmon fishing times are being**

adjusted and will close at 12:00 p.m. noon Saturday, July 22, and reopen at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, July 23. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

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 Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

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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