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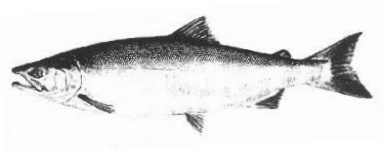

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2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 1
Fall Announcement # 1, Yukon Area Fall Salmon Fishery
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

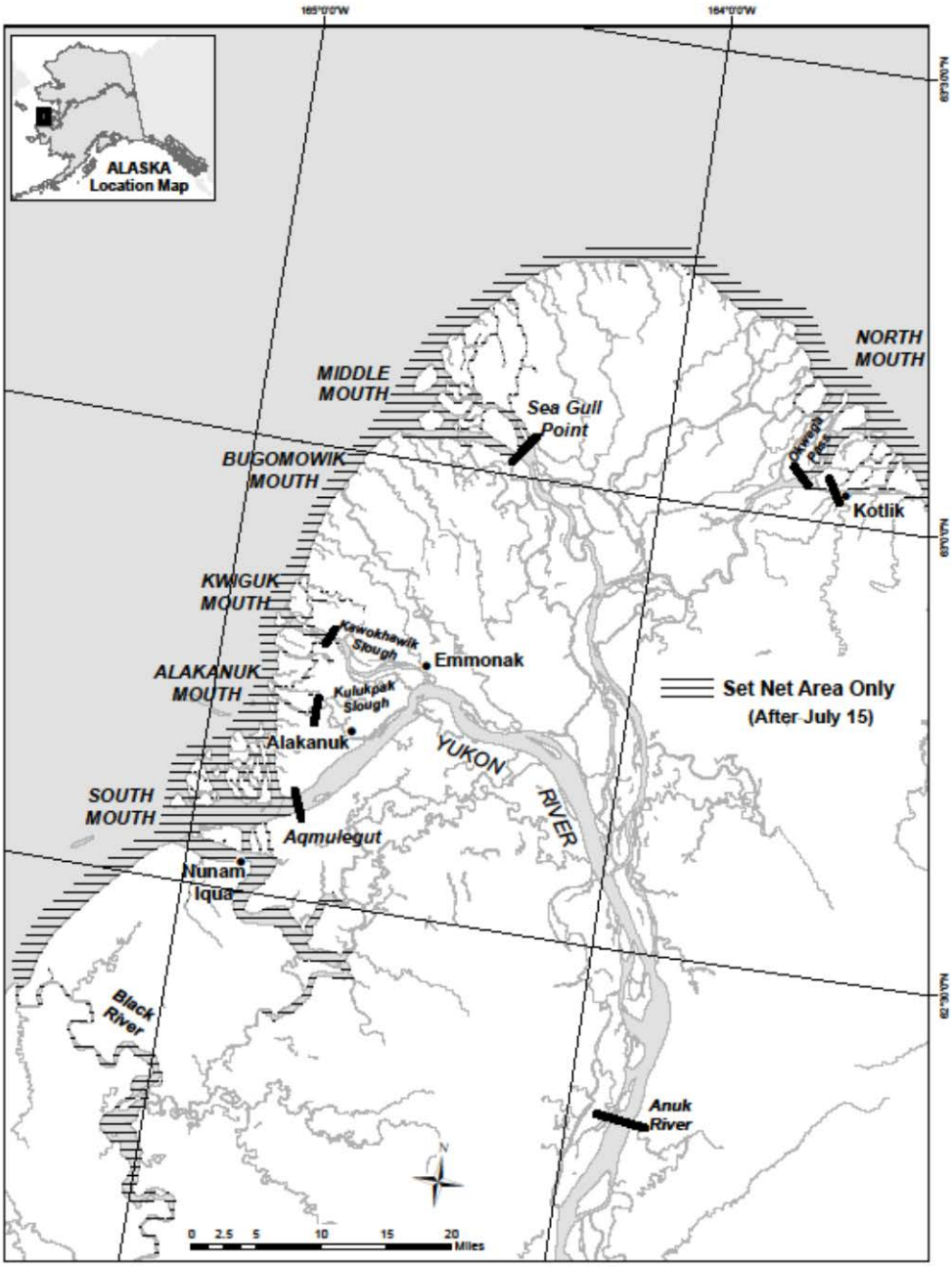
The Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan goes into effect beginning July 16 in the Lower Yukon River Districts. The fall season test fisheries will begin operations at Emmonak on July 16, Mountain Village on July 18, and Pilot Station sonar will begin reporting all chum salmon as fall chum salmon on July 19. Upriver management districts and subdistricts will switch to fall management as the fall chum salmon migration reaches those areas.

The 2015 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size between 700,000 and 800,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

The department is reminding fishermen who are intending to fish in the **Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 (see map included) that they are required to register prior to commercial fishing during the fall season. Registration can be completed by contacting the Emmonak Fish and Game office or registration forms will also be posted in local District Y-1 community post offices. After the first commercial period of the fall season, regulations require a 72-hour waiting period to transfer into and out of the **Set Net Only Area**. The waiting period begins once you have notified the department of your intentions to transfer. For those individuals who are intending to fish in the remainder of District Y-1, no special registration is required and those fishermen will be registered to the district where their first delivery is made.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 and 459-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks 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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