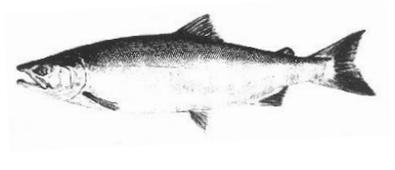


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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #23  
Summer Announcement #18, Yukon River District 1 and District 2 Commercial and  
Subsistence Fishing Schedules  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

The preseason outlook for the 2015 summer chum salmon run is projected to be 1.8 to 2.4 million fish and is anticipated to provide for escapement, a normal subsistence harvest level, and a commercially harvestable surplus range of 800,000 to 1,400,000 fish. Initial management of the summer chum salmon run is being based on this preseason outlook.

Subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing opportunity is being provided in Districts 1 and 2 to target summer chum salmon. Subsistence salmon fishing with dip nets and beach seines only in Districts 1 and 2 will continue to occur concurrently with the commercial fishing periods. Additional subsistence only periods will be offered in the mornings to allow subsistence fishermen to target summer chum salmon with dip net and beach seine gear only.

**District 1 (including the Black River) Subsistence Schedule:**

Subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon is currently open from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. midnight Saturday, June 20, with dip net and beach seine gear only.

Effective 6:00 a.m. Sunday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear:

- Sunday, June 21, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight
- Monday, June 22, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight
- Tuesday, June 23, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight

Note that subsistence salmon fishing with dip net and beach seine gear will be closed for two hours prior to the concurrent subsistence and commercial openings each day.

All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately.

**District 1 (including the Black River) Commercial Schedule:**

Commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 1 will open for three commercial fishing periods beginning 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, June 21, with beach seine and dip net gear only. Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seine mesh size is restricted to 4-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. District 1 will be on the following commercial fishing schedule:

- Sunday, June 21, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight
- Monday, June 22, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight
- Tuesday, June 23, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 12:00 a.m. midnight

These will be 12-hour commercial fishing periods that are open concurrent with subsistence fishing times. All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately. Chinook salmon released alive from dip net and beach seine gear must be recorded on a fish ticket.

**District 2 Subsistence Schedule:**

Subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon is currently open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20, with dip net and beach seine gear only.

Effective 6:00 a.m. Sunday, June 21, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear:

- Sunday, June 21, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday, June 23, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.

Note that subsistence salmon fishing with dip net and beach seine gear will be closed for two hours prior to the concurrent subsistence and commercial openings each day.

All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately.

**District 2 Commercial Schedule:**

Commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 2 will open for three commercial fishing periods beginning 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, June 21, with beach seine and dip net gear only. Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seine mesh size is restricted to 4-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. District 2 will be on the following commercial fishing schedule:

- Sunday, June 21, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 22, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 23, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.

These will be 10-hour commercial fishing periods that are open concurrent with subsistence fishing times. All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately. Chinook salmon released alive from dip net and beach seine gear must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Summer chum salmon harvests and incidental catches and releases of Chinook salmon during these commercial periods in Districts 1 and 2 will be evaluated to determine additional commercial openings. An announcement will be made on Tuesday, June 23 regarding further subsistence and commercial salmon fishing openings with gear types that allow the release of Chinook salmon.

The requirement to release Chinook salmon from dip net and beach seine gear will be strictly enforced. Fishermen are reminded that great care must be taken to assure Chinook salmon are released unharmed so that they can swim the long distance upriver and spawn successfully.

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.

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