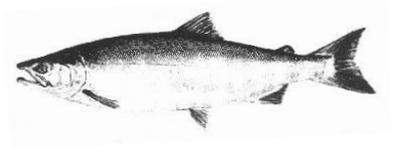


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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #27
Summer Announcement #21, Yukon River District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing
Schedules**

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. Current run assessment suggests the 2015 summer chum salmon run is tracking slightly below the preseason outlook, but is still average in run size.

The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project detected a large group of summer chum salmon the morning of June 23. Additionally, fishermen in coastal communities have reported large groups of summer chum salmon. Therefore, a short gillnet subsistence only fishing period is being provided in District 1 on Wednesday, June 24 to target this large group of summer chum salmon. During this subsistence only period, gear is restricted to gillnets that are 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Fishermen are encouraged to avoid fishing in areas where Chinook salmon may be encountered. However, any Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear may be retained for subsistence use.

Subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing opportunity is being provided in District 1 prior to the Wednesday subsistence only fishing period. Further subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing periods are being scheduled on Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26. Chinook salmon are required to be released immediately when caught in dip net and beach seine gear.

Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule:**District 1 (including the Black River) Subsistence Only Schedule:**

Effective 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, subsistence only salmon fishing will open on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets:

- Wednesday, June 24, from 9:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.

Any incidentally caught Chinook salmon can be retained for subsistence use when caught in 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets only.

Effective 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 25, subsistence only salmon fishing will reopen on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear only:

- Thursday, June 25, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, June 26, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

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

District 1 (including the Black River) Commercial and Subsistence Concurrent Schedule:

Concurrent subsistence and commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 1 is currently open on the following schedule with beach seine and dip net gear only:

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

Subsistence and commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 1 will open concurrently for three subsistence and commercial fishing periods beginning 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 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 concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing schedule:

- Wednesday, June 24, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 25, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 11:59 p.m.
- Friday, June 26, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 11:59 p.m.

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 catches and incidental catches and releases of Chinook salmon from the commercial periods in District 1 will be evaluated to determine additional commercial openings. An announcement will be made on Friday, June 26 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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