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**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 3  
Fall Announcement # 3, Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan is in effect as of July 16 in the Lower Yukon River Districts. Upriver management districts and subdistricts will switch to fall management as the fall chum salmon migration reaches those areas. The fall season test fisheries began operations at Emmonak on July 16 and Pilot Station sonar will transition to reporting all chum salmon as fall chum salmon on July 19.

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.

Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following change to subsistence fishing in the Innoko River will occur:

**Innoko River:**

Subsistence fishing in the Innoko River is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week and fishermen may use gillnets with mesh size of 6 inches or less to target summer chum salmon.

Effective 12:00 a.m. Monday, July 20, subsistence fishing in the Innoko River will be open for the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 455-1849. 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 cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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