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**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 30
Fall Announcement # 27, Porcupine River Subsistence Fishing
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

Porcupine River fall chum salmon stock abundance has been low in recent years when compared to other stocks in the Yukon River drainage. Fall chum salmon escapements into the Canadian Fishing Branch River, a tributary of the Porcupine River, have fallen short of meeting the escapement objective agreed upon by U.S. and Canadian representatives in 3 of the last 5 years despite other Yukon River stocks meeting or exceeding their escapement goals or objectives. In an attempt to improve fall chum escapement into the Canadian portion of the drainage, the department is closing subsistence salmon fishing in the Alaska portion of the mainstem Porcupine River for the 2015 fall season. The department has consulted subsistence fishermen in the Ft. Yukon area and in the Porcupine River regarding this action.

Beginning Saturday, August 22, subsistence fishing for salmon in the mainstem Porcupine River will close for the remainder of the fall season.

Porcupine River:

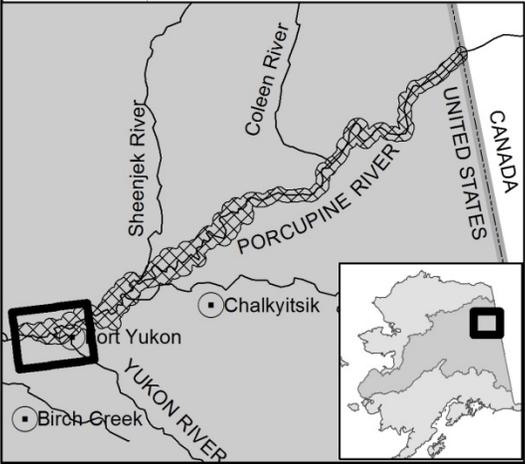
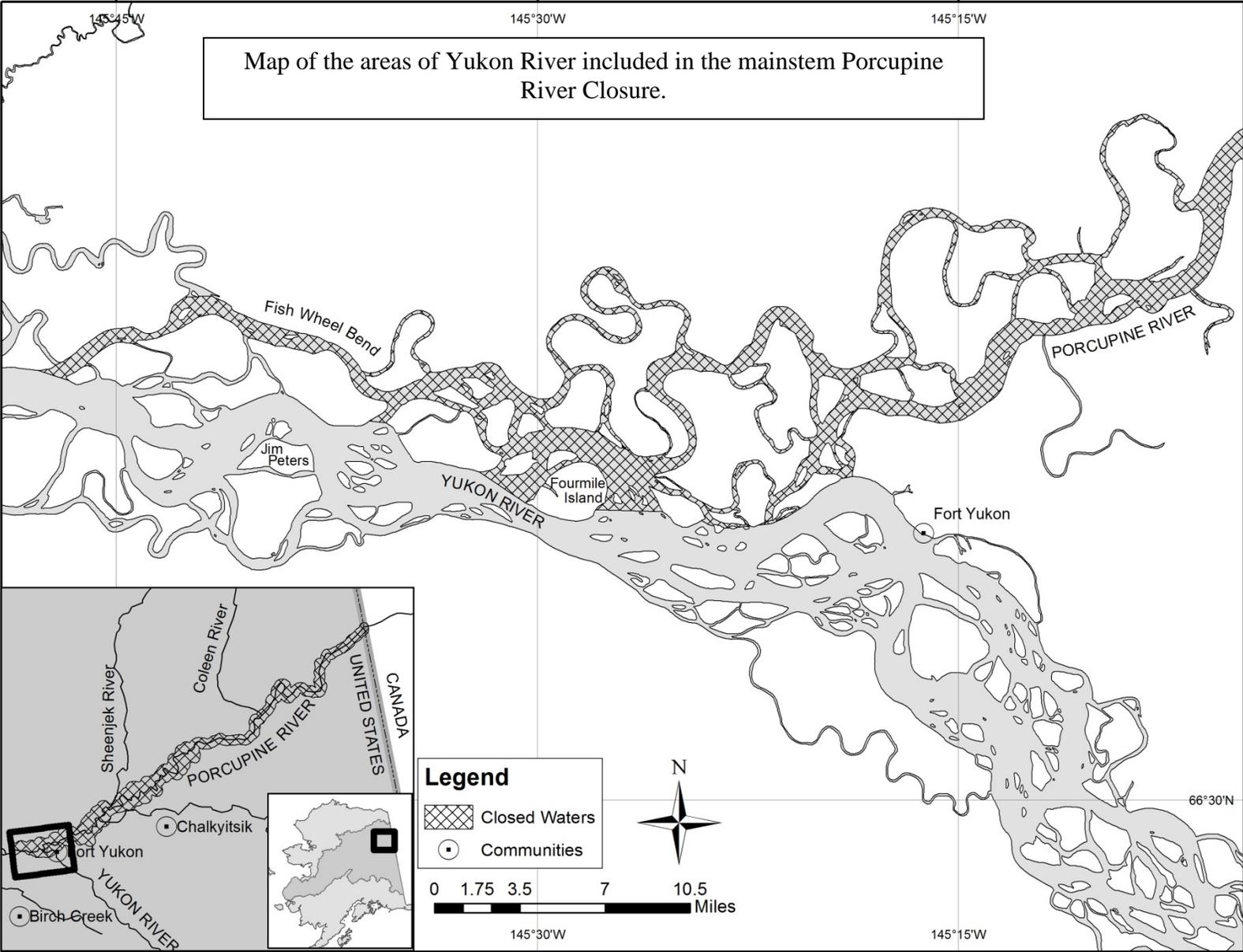
Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 22, subsistence salmon fishing in the mainstem Porcupine River, including those portions of the mainstem Yukon River around the 3 mouths of the Porcupine River (see attached map) will close for the remainder of the fall season. During this closure, fishermen may fish for **non-salmon species** using gear with a mesh size of 4 inches or less. Tributaries such as the Sheenjek, Black, Coleen, and Salmon Trout Rivers will remain open.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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Map of the areas of Yukon River included in the mainstem Porcupine River Closure.



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