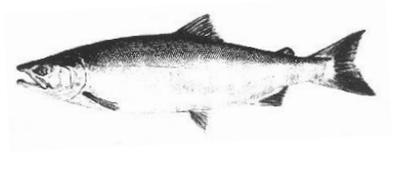


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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #33
Summer Announcement #27, Yukon River District 1 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing
Schedules**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 summer chum salmon run is projected to be approximately 1.3 to 1.5 million fish. Although the run is currently tracking below the preseason outlook, it is still average in size. The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project and reports from subsistence fishermen indicate that the summer chum salmon run is continuing to build up in the lower river.

Subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing opportunity is being provided in District 1 to target summer chum salmon. Any Chinook salmon caught in these gear types must be released to the water quickly and unharmed. Additional subsistence only periods are being offered in the mornings to allow subsistence fishermen a less competitive opportunity to target summer chum salmon with dip net and beach seine gear only.

Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule:

District 1 Subsistence Only Schedule:

Currently, subsistence only fishing in District 1 is open on the following schedule:

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

Effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, subsistence only salmon fishing will reopen on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear:

- Saturday, June 27, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, June 28, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, June 29, 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 Subsistence and Commercial 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:

- 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.

Subsistence and commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 1 will open concurrently for an additional three subsistence and commercial fishing periods beginning 12:00 p.m. noon Saturday, June 27, 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:

- Saturday, June 27, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.
- Monday, June 29, from 12:00 p.m. 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 commercial dip net and beach seine gear must be recorded on a fish ticket.

An announcement will be made by Monday, June 29 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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