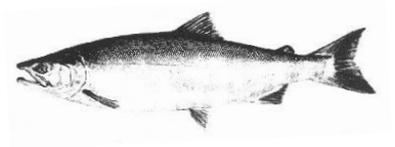


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**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 35
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Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is on track 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.

The estimated passage of fall chum salmon at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 24 is 470,000 fish, which is below the historical median of 541,000 fish for that date. A third group of fall chum salmon finished passing the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station on August 23 and was approximately 50,000 fish in size. The coho salmon run appears to be average to above average. As of August 24, the estimated coho salmon passage at the mainstem sonar is 60,600 fish, which is below the historical median of 89,000 fish for that date.

District 2 Commercial Period:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Wednesday, August 26 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 23 indicate a harvest of 9,506 fall chum salmon and 11,086 coho salmon from 99 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 is 53,962 fall chum salmon and 29,918 coho salmon.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 2, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 27.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. 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 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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