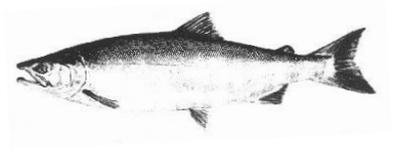


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**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 36
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Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

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 25 is 481,600 fish, which is below the historical median of 547,000 fish for that date. The 2015 coho salmon run size is currently running average based on run reconstruction. As of August 25, the estimated coho salmon passage at the mainstem sonar is 70,400 fish, which is below the historical median of 93,500 fish for that date.

District 1 Commercial Period:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, on Thursday, August 27 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

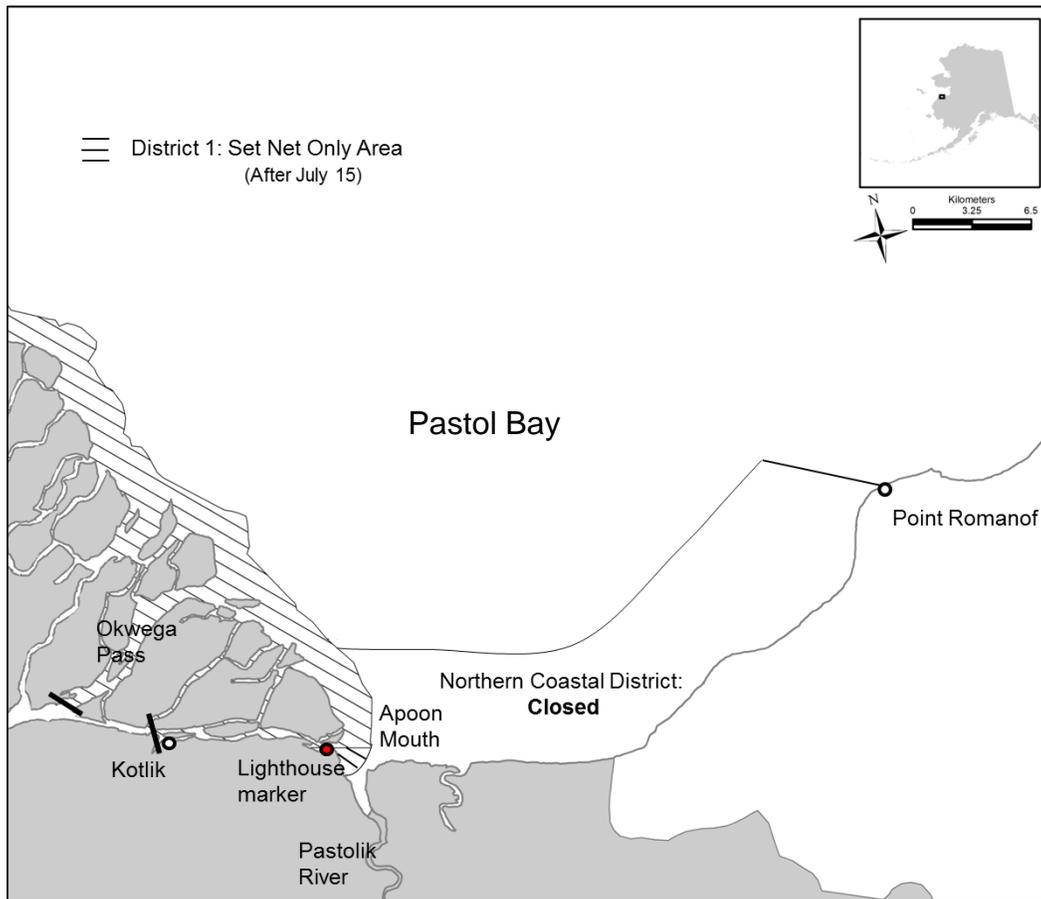
Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 23 indicate a harvest of 3,374 fall chum and 5,472 coho salmon from 162 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 91,223 fall chum and 49,232 coho salmon.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule: NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE SUBSISTENCE CLOSURE AREA.

For this commercial fishing period, subsistence salmon fishing will close in District 1 at 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 28. **In addition, the portion of Coastal District from Apoon Mouth to Point Romanof and marine waters up to 3 nautical miles offshore (see attached map) will close at 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 28.**

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.



Map of the District 1 Set Net Only Area and closed area in the Northern Portion of Coastal District.