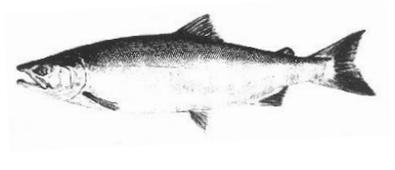


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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #39  
Summer Announcement #32, Yukon River District 2 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing  
Schedules**

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 cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of June 30 was approximately 989,000 summer chum salmon.

Commercial dip net and beach seine fishing opportunity is being provided in District 2 to target summer chum salmon on Thursday, July 2. Any Chinook salmon caught in these gear types must be released to the water quickly and unharmed.

A subsistence only gillnet fishing opportunity is being provided in District 2 to target summer chum salmon. Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets will occur for a 3-hour period late in the evening on Thursday, July 2, following the commercial dip net and beach seine period. This restricted gillnet gear option is intended to allow for summer chum salmon subsistence opportunity that is more efficient than dip nets and beach seines. Fishermen are encouraged to avoid fishing in areas where Chinook salmon are likely to be encountered. However, any Chinook salmon caught in gillnets may be retained for subsistence use.

Fishermen in District 2 should stand by for short notice news releases on VHF and radio regarding salmon fishing schedules.

**Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule:**

**District 2 Concurrent Subsistence and Commercial Schedule:**

Commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 2 is currently open on the following schedule with beach seine and dip net gear only:

- Wednesday, July 1, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.

Effective at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2, concurrent subsistence and commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 2 will reopen for an additional period with beach seine and dip net gear only. District 2 will be on the following concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing schedule:

- Thursday, July 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 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.

**District 2 Subsistence Only Schedule:**

Effective at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, subsistence only salmon fishing will open on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets:

- Thursday, July 2, from 9:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.

All Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear may be retained for subsistence use. Fishermen are reminded that all Chinook salmon caught and retained for subsistence during this opening must be marked by removing both tips of the tail fin. The tips must be removed before concealing the Chinook salmon from plain view or before transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

Dip nets and beach seines will not be allowed during this subsistence only period with gillnets.

An announcement will be made Thursday, July 2, regarding further subsistence and commercial salmon fishing openings to target summer chum salmon in District 2.

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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