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**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 40
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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 coho salmon run appears to be average to above average.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 28 indicate a harvest of 10,961 fall chum salmon and 7,790 coho salmon from 97 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 is 69,386 fall chum salmon and 43,426 coho salmon.

District 2 Commercial Period:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Monday, August 31 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

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 1:00 a.m. Monday, August 31, and reopen at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 1.

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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