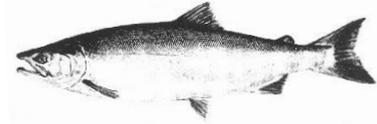


**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



*Sam Cotten, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director*



Contact:
Stephanie Schmidt, Area Management Biologist
Sabrina Garcia, Asst. Area Management Biologist
Phone: (907) 949-1320
Fax: (907) 949-1830

Lower Yukon Office
P.O. Box 127
Emmonak, Alaska 99581

Date Issued: 7/04/2015

**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #48
Summer Announcement #41, 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. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 3 was approximately 1,109,000 summer chum salmon.

The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project continues to indicate summer chum salmon moving into the river, though catch rates have decreased. Additionally, the LYTF project detected a small group of Chinook salmon on July 1 and July 2. This group of Chinook salmon should be moving through District 2 over the next couple of days.

In an effort to continue conserving Chinook salmon while providing summer chum salmon opportunity, a concurrent subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing period is being provided in District 2. Any Chinook salmon caught in these gear types must be released to the water quickly and unharmed. Chinook salmon released from these gear types must be recorded on a fish ticket.

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:

- Saturday, July 4, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.

Effective at 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, July 5, 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:

- Sunday, July 5, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 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.

An announcement will be made by Monday, July 6, regarding further subsistence and commercial salmon fishing openings to target summer chum salmon in District 2. Fishermen in District 2 should anticipate standing by for short notice news releases on VHF and radio regarding the salmon fishing schedule.

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.

This is an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-end-