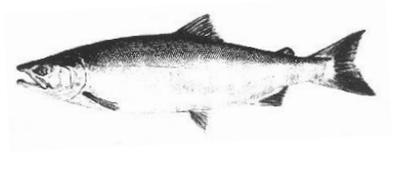


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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #51  
Summer Announcement #44, Yukon River District 1 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing  
Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 summer chum salmon run is projected to be approximately 1.4 to 1.6 million fish. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 5 was approximately 1,203,000 summer chum salmon. While the Chinook salmon run continues to be weak, the majority of the run has migrated out of District 1. Favorable winds are forecasted for tomorrow that should help move summer chum salmon into the river.

A nine hour concurrent subsistence and commercial gillnet fishing period is being provided in District 1 on Tuesday, July 7, to target summer chum salmon with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Fishermen are encouraged to avoid fishing in areas where Chinook salmon are likely to be encountered.

All Chinook salmon retained for subsistence use during the commercial gillnet opening must be recorded on a fish ticket as kept but not sold. Additionally, any Chinook salmon retained for subsistence use must have both tips of their tail fin cut off before being removed from plain view or transferred from the fishing site.

No subsistence or commercial salmon fishing opportunity is being provided today, Monday, July 6. Fishermen in District 1 should stand by for short notice news releases on VHF and radio regarding the salmon fishing schedule for Wednesday, July 8.

**District 1 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule:**

Subsistence and commercial salmon fishing is currently closed.

Effective 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, concurrent subsistence and commercial salmon fishing will open on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets:

- Tuesday, July 7, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Therefore, commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Fishermen are reminded that all Chinook salmon caught and retained for subsistence during the gillnet 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.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets not exceeding 60 feet in length to target non-salmon species during subsistence closures.

An announcement will be made on Wednesday, July 8, regarding further subsistence and commercial salmon fishing openings to target summer chum salmon.

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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