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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #58
Summer Announcement #50, Yukon River Coastal District Subsistence 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 7 was approximately 1,254,000 summer chum salmon.

The Chinook salmon run is currently tracking below the preseason projection and is well-below average in size. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 7 was approximately 111,000 Chinook salmon. Based on the historical average, the Chinook salmon run is 92% complete at the sonar project. Given that the Chinook salmon run is nearly over in the lower river, subsistence fishing closures are being relaxed in the Northern Portion of the Coastal District beginning Thursday, July 9.

Coastal District Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Northern Portion of the Coastal District (from 62 degrees North latitude to Point Romanof, including all marine waters):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is closed to conserve Chinook salmon.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 9, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.

Southern Portion of the Coastal District (from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62 degrees North latitude):

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

Chinook salmon incidentally caught in gillnet gear may be retained for subsistence use.

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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