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**2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #69
Summer Announcement #60, Yukon River District 3 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 13 was approximately 1,343,000 summer chum salmon.

The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 13 was approximately 114,000 Chinook salmon, which is below average. Based on the historical average, the Chinook salmon run is 97% complete at the sonar project. Given that the Chinook salmon run is nearly over in the lower river, the subsistence salmon fishing schedule is being relaxed in District 3 beginning Tuesday, July 14.

District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Sundays to 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays. Fishermen may use gillnets with six-inch or less mesh size and can keep incidentally caught Chinook salmon for subsistence use.

Effective 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 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. Chinook salmon incidentally caught in gillnet gear may be retained for subsistence use. Additionally, Chinook salmon retained for subsistence use must have both lobes (tips) of the tail fin removed

before concealing the salmon from plain view or transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

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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