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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 30 District 1 Commercial Period 8 and Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22. This will be a 7-hour commercial fishing period with the use of gillnets 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Chinook salmon may be sold during this commercial opening. All Chinook salmon sold or retained for subsistence during commercial openings must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

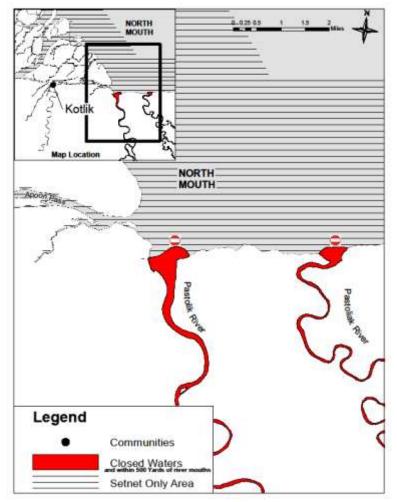
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing (see map below). Regulatory markers have been placed around the mouths of each river to mark the closed areas. Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence salmon fishing, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, August 22, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 23.

Subsistence fishermen must remove both tips of the tail fin of Chinook salmon before concealing from plain view or leaving the fishing site.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks call 456-0406.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing. -end-