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2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 12

Summer Announcement #6, District 1 and District 2 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedules

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The preseason outlook for the 2014 summer chum salmon run is projected to be 1.5 to 1.8 million fish and is anticipated to provide for escapement, a normal subsistence harvest, and a commercially harvestable surplus range of 500,000 to 800,000 fish. Initial management of the summer chum salmon run will be based on the expectation that the 2014 run size will likely be near the upper end of this range. However, management will continue to be cautious in order to protect the weak Chinook salmon run. Both commercial and subsistence salmon fishing gear will be restricted to gear types that allow for the release of Chinook salmon.

Based on the preseason projection, a commercial and subsistence fishing schedule is being established early in the season for District 1 and District 2. Effective 12:00 noon Monday, June 9, commercial summer chum salmon fishing will open in District 1 and District 2 with beach seine and dip net gear only.

The previously announced subsistence fishing schedule in the Coastal District, District 3, and the Innoko River remain unaltered by this announcement.

District 1 (including the Black River) Subsistence:

Subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon is currently open with dip net gear only from Saturday, June 7, through 12:00 noon Monday, June 9.

Effective 12:00 noon Monday, June 9, subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon in District 1 will be on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear only until further notice:

- Sunday-Friday from 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight
- Saturday from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight

District 1 (including the Black River) Commercial:

Commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 1 will open effective 12:00 noon Monday, June 9 with beach seine and dip net gear only. District 1 will be on the following commercial fishing schedule:

- Sunday-Friday from 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight

These will be 12-hour commercial fishing periods that are open concurrent with subsistence fishing times.

District 2 Subsistence: Subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon is currently open with dip net gear only from Saturday, June 7, through 12:00 noon Monday, June 9.

Effective 12:00 noon Monday, June 9, subsistence fishing for summer chum salmon in District 2 will be on the following schedule with dip net and beach seine gear only until further notice:

- Sunday-Friday 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight

District 2: Commercial salmon fishing in District 2 will open effective 12:00 noon Monday, June 9, with beach seine and dip net gear only. District 2 will be on the following commercial fishing schedule:

- Sunday-Friday 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m.

These will be 10-hour commercial fishing periods that are open concurrent with subsistence fishing times.

Fishermen using dip nets or beach seine gear are required to immediately release Chinook salmon back to the water alive. This requirement will be strictly enforced. Fishermen are reminded that great care must be taken to assure Chinook salmon are released unharmed so that they can swim the long distance upriver and spawn successfully.

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller. Beach seine mesh size is restricted to 4-inch or smaller. Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach.

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 ADFG office in Emmonak at 949-1320.

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