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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #25
Summer Announcement #16, District 4-A Commercial Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through June 27 is approximately 1.3 million fish which is above the historical median of 855,100 for this date. Based on the current abundance of summer chum salmon, additional commercial fishing opportunity is being allowed in Subdistrict 4-A.

The preliminary commercial harvest in District 4 through June 27 is approximately 2,525 summer chum salmon with a reported 13 Chinook salmon released alive.

A cautious management approach will continue to be applied in order to protect the weak Chinook salmon run and commercial fishing periods targeting summer chum salmon will continue to be restricted to fish wheels only. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must be immediately released to the water alive. Chinook salmon caught and released must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):

This announcement does not alter the previously announced 24-hour commercial fishing periods scheduled to occur:

Period #6: Saturday, June 28
Period #7: Sunday, June 29

Commercial fishing will be open for seven additional 24-hour fishing periods, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 30.

Period #8: Monday, June 30
Period #9: Tuesday, July 1
Period #10: Wednesday, July 2
Period #11: Thursday, July 3
Period #12: Friday, July 4
Period #13: Saturday, July 5
Period #14: Sunday, July 6

Fishermen will be notified by Saturday, July 5, regarding additional commercial fishing opportunity.

Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish. Commercial fishing will be restricted to fish wheels only that must be manned at all times of operation. All Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must be immediately returned to the water alive.

All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Other salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as “not sold”. These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules.

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 or in Fairbanks at 459-7274.

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