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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 27
Summer Announcement #18, District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The cumulative Chinook salmon passage at the sonar project located near Pilot Station through June 28 is estimated to be approximately 120,600 fish. As a result of considerable conservation efforts the 2014 Chinook salmon run, despite being below average, appears to have the potential to meet escapement goals and objectives.

The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through June 28 is approximately 1.3 million fish which is above the historical median of 944,800 for this date. In an effort to provide subsistence opportunity to maximize summer chum salmon harvest effort, an adjustment is being made to the subsistence fishing schedule in District 3 for Thursday, July 3. However, a cautious management approach will continue to be applied in order conserve Chinook salmon and gillnets will be restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size during this short subsistence fishing period.

District 3 Special Subsistence 6-inch Gillnet Period:

Subsistence salmon fishing for summer chum salmon is currently open in District 3 for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with dip net gear only.

Subsistence salmon fishing will be open in District 3 for one 3-hour period from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size only to target

summer chum salmon. Chinook salmon incidentally caught in the 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Fishermen may choose to use dip net gear during this period, however all Chinook salmon caught in dip nets must be immediately released 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.

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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