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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 34  
Summer Announcement # 24, District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Recent Chinook salmon passage estimates at the sonar project near Pilot Station have been declining, indicating the Chinook salmon run is likely coming to an end in the lower river. The cumulative Chinook salmon passage estimate through July 4 is estimated to be approximately 131,000 fish. A Chinook salmon run size of this magnitude is below average, but has the potential to meet escapement goals and objectives. As the run tapers off, subsistence salmon fishing restriction and closures will be relaxed chronologically with the upriver migration.

The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project through July 1 is approximately 1.6 million fish which is above the historical median of 1.5 million fish for this date. In an effort to provide opportunity to maximize summer chum salmon harvest effort, an adjustment is being made to the fishing schedule in District 3.

**District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:**

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. 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.

Effective 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, subsistence salmon fishing with dip nets will be discontinued and subsistence fishing will then be open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays and from 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. Chinook salmon incidentally caught in the 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets may be kept for subsistence purposes.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures non-salmon species may be harvested using 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets not exceeding 60-feet in length.

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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