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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 35
Summer Announcement # 25, District 1 and District 2 Commercial Fishing Periods
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 summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through July 4 is approximately 1.6 million fish which is above the historical median of 1.5 million fish for this date.

The preliminary commercial harvest in Districts 1 and 2 combined through July 4 is approximately 286,000 summer chum salmon with a reported 5,450 Chinook salmon released and 33 Chinook salmon caught but not sold.

The dip net and beach seine fishing season is over in District 1 and is now being discontinued in District 2.

This announcement opens a commercial gillnet fishing period in District 2 and a commercial gillnet fishing period in District 1. The incidental harvest of Chinook salmon during these gillnet periods is anticipated to be low.

District 2 Subsistence and Commercial Gillnet Fishing Period: Commercial and subsistence fishing will be open in District 2 at the same time from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Sunday July 6, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. This will be a 6-hour fishing period where subsistence and commercial fishing will be concurrent.

Following this concurrent period, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 6 hours later at 4:00 a.m. Monday, July 7. Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 will then be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day except for 6 hours before, during, and 6 hours after each commercial salmon fishing period 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.

District 1 (including the Black River) Subsistence Gillnet Fishing Schedule:

No additional dip net or beach seine opportunity will be provided in District 1.

Effective 12:00 noon Sunday, July 6, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day except for 6 hours before, during, and 6 hours after each commercial salmon fishing period 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.

District 1 (including the Black River) Commercial Gillnet Fishing Period:

Commercial fishing in all of District 1 will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight Monday July 7, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. This will be a 9-hour commercial only fishing period.

Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited and Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.

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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