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2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 40

Summer Announcement # 29, District 1 and District 2 Commercial Fishing Periods

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

It appears that the 2014 summer chum salmon run is also nearing completion as indicated by declining sonar passage estimates and current commercial harvest rate information. The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through July 9 is approximately 1.8 million fish which is above the historical median of 1.7 million fish for this date.

The preliminary commercial harvest in Districts 1 and 2 combined through July 9 is approximately 330,000 summer chum salmon with a reported 5,450 Chinook salmon released alive and 242 Chinook salmon caught but not sold.

A commercial gillnet fishing schedule is being established for the remainder of the summer season commercial fishery in District 1 and District 2. If assessment information indicates there is an increase in summer chum salmon abundance, short notice adjustments to the schedule may occur to maximize harvest effort.

As a reminder the dip net and beach seine fishing season is over in District 1 and District 2.

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

All of District 1 will be open for two additional commercial fishing periods with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. The District 1 commercial fishing schedule is as follows:

- 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight Friday, July 11 (previously announced)
- 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight Sunday, July 13
- 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight Tuesday, July 15

District 2 Commercial Gillnet Fishing Periods:

District 2 will be open for four additional commercial fishing periods with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon. The District 2 commercial fishing schedule is as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10 (previously announced)
- 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 12
- 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Monday, July 14
- 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
- 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Friday, July 18

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

District 1 and District 2 Subsistence Gillnet Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 and 2 is 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 may be released alive or may be kept for subsistence purposes.

No additional subsistence dip net or beach seine opportunity will be provided in District 1 and District 2.

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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