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2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 2

Fall Announcement # 2, Districts 1, 2, and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedules

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan goes into effect beginning July 16 in District Y-1. Upriver management districts and subdistricts will switch to fall season management as the fall chum salmon migration reaches those areas. The fall season test fisheries will begin operations at Emmonak on July 16 and Pilot Station sonar will transition to reporting all chum salmon as fall chum salmon on July 19.

The 2014 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size greater than 850,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

District Y-1

Effective 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 16, subsistence fishing in District Y-1 is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

District Y-2

Effective 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 19, subsistence fishing in District Y-2 is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after

each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

District Y-3

Subsistence fishing in District Y-3 is currently 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. Effective 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 20, subsistence fishing in District Y-3 will be open for the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

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

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 and 459-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks 1-866-479-7387). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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