

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2014 Yukon River Fall Season Salmon Fishery News Release # 4
Fall Announcement # 4, District 2 Commercial Period 1
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

District Y-2

Strong coastal winds at the mouth of Yukon River appear to have pushed an early group of fall chum salmon into the Yukon River. In an effort to more evenly distribute the commercial harvest over the run, **the commercial period scheduled for Friday, July 18 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. has been rescheduled.** The period is now scheduled for Sunday, July 20, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period. Gillnets are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches or less.

No Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.**

Currently subsistence salmon fishing in District Y-2 is open 7 days per week, 24 hours a day with gillnets restricted to 6 inch mesh or less. Effective 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 19, subsistence fishing in District Y-2 will remain open 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 mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

For this commercial period, in District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing will close at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, July 20, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 21.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. 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 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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