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2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #44

Summer Announcement #32, District 6 Commercial Fishing Periods #3 and #4

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar summer chum salmon passage estimate through July 16 is approximately 1.8 million fish which is in line with the historical median for this date. The preliminary commercial harvest in District 6 through July 16 is approximately 1,605 summer chum salmon with a reported 140 Chinook salmon released alive.

Based on the assessed abundance of summer chum salmon, further commercial fishing opportunity is being allowed to target summer chum salmon in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B.

A cautious management approach will continue to be applied in order to protect the weak Chinook salmon run and commercial fishing periods targeting summer chum salmon will continue to be restricted to fish wheels only. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must be immediately released to the water alive. Chinook salmon caught and released must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B: Commercial fishing will be open for two 42-hour fishing periods:

Period #3: 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, until 12:00 noon Sunday, July 20

Period #4: 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 21, until 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 23

Commercial fishermen should coordinate with the buyer on a daily basis regarding scheduling deliveries. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. All Chinook salmon released must be recorded on the fish ticket. Other fish species caught but not sold must also be recorded on the fish ticket. These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** or in Fairbanks call **459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This is an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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