

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 47**

#### **Summer Announcement #35, District 4-A Commercial Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through July 17 is approximately 1.9 million fish which is in line with the historical median for this date. Based on the current abundance of summer chum salmon, additional commercial fishing opportunity is being allowed in Subdistrict 4-A.

The preliminary commercial harvest in District 4 through July 17 is approximately 82,200 summer chum salmon with a reported 234 Chinook salmon released alive.

The Chinook salmon run is nearly over in the Middle Yukon River and subsistence fishing restrictions are being relaxed in District 4. Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 21, the requirement that commercial fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must immediately be released to the water alive is being discontinued. Commercial fishermen may use either fish wheels or set gillnets restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less to target summer chum salmon. However, commercial set gillnet fishermen are reminded that they should contact the buyer before fishing. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes.

**Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing** (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):

This announcement does not alter the previously announced 24-hour commercial fishing periods scheduled to occur:

Period #26: Friday, July 18 (FW only live release of Chinook salmon required)  
Period #27: Saturday, July 19 FW only live release of Chinook salmon required)

Period #28: Sunday, July 20 (FW only with live release of Chinook salmon required)

Commercial fishing will be open for seven additional 24-hour fishing periods, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 21.

Period #29: Monday, July 21

Period #30: Tuesday, July 22

Period #31: Wednesday, July 23

Period #32: Thursday, July 24

Period #33: Friday, July 25

Period #34: Saturday, July 26

Period #35: Sunday, July 27

These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules. Commercial gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less. 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 caught but not sold must be recorded on the fish ticket. Other fish species caught but not sold must also be recorded on the fish ticket.

Fishermen will be notified by Saturday, July 26, regarding additional commercial fishing opportunity.

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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