

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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**2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #52
Summer Announcement #39, District 6 Commercial Fishing Periods #5 and #6
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The summer chum salmon passage estimate at the sonar project near Pilot Station through July 19 is approximately 1.9 million fish which is in line with the historical median for this date. The preliminary commercial harvest in District 6 through July 23 is approximately 3,100 summer chum salmon with a reported 180 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. 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 as the Chinook salmon run is coming to an end in the Tanana River.

This announcement opens two 42-hour commercial salmon fishing periods in Subdistricts 6-A and 6-B.

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

Period #5: 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 25, until 12:00 noon Sunday, July 27
(FW only live release of Chinook salmon required)

Period #6: 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, until 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 30

Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, commercial fishermen may use either set gillnets or fish wheels to target summer chum salmon. Gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or less. Commercial fishermen are reminded that they should coordinate with the buyer on a daily basis regarding scheduling deliveries. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited during these

commercial fishing periods and fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes.

All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. All Chinook salmon, either released or 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.

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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