

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 9**

#### **Fall Announcement # 9, District 1 Commercial Period 4**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar located near Pilot Station through July 26 is estimated to be 105,905 fish. This passage is above the historical median passage of 89,709 for that date. A group of approximately 60,000 fall chum salmon have passed the mainstem sonar located near Pilot Station in the last four days (July 23-26) for upriver subsistence and escapement needs.

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**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in all of District Y-1 including the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** on Monday, July 28 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

For the entire District Y-1, 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.**

Preliminary results from the District Y-1 commercial opening on July 25 indicate a harvest of 3,378 fall chum and 116 coho salmon from 123 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial fall chum harvest for District Y-1 is 24,455 fall chum salmon and 257 coho salmon.

In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing is now open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

For this commercial period, subsistence salmon fishing in District Y-1 will close at 4:00 a.m. Monday, July 28, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29.

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 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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