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2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 15
Fall Announcement # 13, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

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.

Fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar located near Pilot Station through August 7 is estimated to be 206,300 fish. This passage is currently below the historical median passage of 253,400 fish for that date. A group of approximately 60,000 fall chum salmon passed the mainstem Yukon River sonar from July 20-23 for escapement and upriver subsistence needs. Based on estimated fall chum salmon migration timing, this group of fish should be in the vicinity of the community of Tanana around August 10.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek)**:** This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.

The current subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays. The following change will occur.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistricts 5-C and 5-D from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the Dall River and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are 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 Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

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