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2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 16

Fall Announcement # 14, Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Period 1

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.

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C

In Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C, commercial fishing will be open for one 5-day fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 17. Gillnets will be restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh. **Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing.** Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

For all of Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations, whether sold or kept for personal use, must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale.

This commercial period will be open concurrently with the current subsistence fishing period.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

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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