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2014 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 18 Fall Announcement # 15, District 1 Commercial Period 5

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

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 Friday, August 15 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.

Drift gillnet fishing is not allowed in the Set Net Only Area. Fishermen intending to fish in the Set Net Only Area of District Y-1 must be registered in that area. Fishermen not registered in the Set Net Area Only, but wishing to fish in that area, must notify the department of their intent to transfer. Regulations require a 72-hour waiting period when transferring into and out of the Set Net Only Area. Please see attached map showing the boundaries of the Set Net Only Area in District Y-1.

The preliminary cumulative commercial fall chum harvest for District Y-1 is 26,484 fall chum salmon and 872 coho salmon.

For this commercial period, subsistence salmon fishing in District Y-1 will close at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 16.

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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