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2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #32

Summer Announcement #26, Yukon River District 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 summer chum salmon run is projected to be approximately 1.3 to 1.5 million fish. Although the run is currently tracking below the preseason outlook, it is still average in size. The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project and reports from subsistence fishermen indicate that the summer chum salmon run is continuing to build up in the lower river.

The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project detected a large group of summer chum salmon the morning of June 23 and expects these fish to move into District 2 on June 27. Concurrent commercial and subsistence dip net and beach seine fishing opportunity is being provided in District 2 to target summer chum salmon. Any Chinook salmon caught in these gear types must be released to the water quickly and unharmed.

District 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule:

Currently, commercial salmon fishing is open on the following schedule:

- Thursday, June 25, from 12:00 p.m. noon to 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 26, from 12:00 p.m. noon to 10:00 p.m.

Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Saturday, June 27, commercial salmon fishing will reopen for three additional periods on the following schedule:

- Saturday, June 27, from 12:00 p.m. noon to 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 29, from 12:00 p.m. noon to 10:00 p.m.

2015 District 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule June 25, 2015

All commercial salmon fishing periods with dip nets and beach seines only are concurrent with subsistence fishing periods. All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately. Chinook salmon released alive from commercial dip net and beach seine gear must be recorded on a fish ticket.

An announcement will be made by Monday, June 29 regarding further commercial salmon fishing openings with gear types that allow the release of Chinook salmon.

The requirement to release Chinook salmon from dip net and beach seine gear will be strictly enforced. Fishermen are reminded that great care must be taken to assure Chinook salmon are released unharmed so that they can swim the long distance upriver and spawn successfully.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be 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 ADF&G office in Emmonak at 949-1320.

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