

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #45**

#### **Summer Announcement #38, Yukon River District 2 Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedules**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 summer chum salmon run is projected to be approximately 1.3 to 1.5 million fish. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 1 was approximately 1 million summer chum salmon. The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project continues to indicate summer chum salmon moving into the river.

Two additional concurrent subsistence and commercial dip net and beach seine fishing periods are 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. Chinook salmon released from these gear types must be recorded on a fish ticket.

#### **Subsistence and Commercial Fishing Schedule:**

##### **District 2 Subsistence Only Schedule:**

Subsistence summer chum fishing in District 2 is currently open on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnet gear only:

- Thursday, July 2, from 9:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m.

Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear may be retained for subsistence use. Dip net gear may not be used during this short gillnet opening. Fishermen are reminded that Chinook salmon retained for subsistence use must be marked by having both lobes (tips) of the tail removed before concealing the fish or transferring fish from the fishing site.

**District 2 Concurrent Subsistence and Commercial Schedule:**

Commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 2 is currently open on the following schedule with beach seine and dip net gear only:

- Thursday, July 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Effective at 12:00 p.m. noon Friday, July 3, concurrent subsistence and commercial summer chum salmon fishing in District 2 will reopen for an additional two periods with beach seine and dip net gear only. District 2 will be on the following concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing schedule:

- Friday, July 3, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 4, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 10:00 p.m.

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 Saturday, July 4, regarding further subsistence and commercial salmon fishing openings to target summer chum salmon in District 2.

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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