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2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #65

Summer Announcement #57, Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 summer chum salmon total run is now projected to be approximately 1.8 million fish. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 12 was approximately 1,331,000 summer chum salmon. As of July 9 the East Fork Andreafsky River Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) for summer chum salmon was met.

The Chinook salmon total run size is currently tracking below the historical average, but should come in above the lower end of the preseason outlook range of 118,000 to 140,000. The cumulative passage at the sonar project near Pilot Station as of July 12 was approximately 114,000 Chinook salmon. At this time, the Chinook salmon run is approximately 96% complete at the sonar project. As of July 9 the Andreafsky River SEG for Chinook salmon was met.

One 12-hour commercial gillnet fishing period is being provided in District 1 on Wednesday, July 15, and three 9-hour periods are being provided in District 2 on Tuesday, July 14, Thursday, July 16, and Saturday, July 18, to target summer chum salmon with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

District 1 Commercial Fishing Schedule:

Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesday, July 15, commercial salmon fishing will open for one period with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets:

- Wednesday, July 15, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 11:59 p.m.

District 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule:

Effective 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, commercial salmon fishing will open on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets:

- Tuesday, July 14, from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16, from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18, from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen in Districts 1 and 2 can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold. Fishermen are reminded that all Chinook salmon caught and retained for subsistence during gillnet openings must be marked by removing both tips of the tail fin. The tips must be removed before concealing the Chinook salmon from plain view or before transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets 24 hours a day, seven days per week except for six hours before, during, and six hours after a commercial fishing period. Based on the commercial period on July 15, subsistence salmon fishing will be closed on the following times:

- 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, until 6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 16.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets 24 hours a day, seven days per week except for six hours before, during, and six hours after a commercial fishing period. Based on the commercial periods on July 14, July 16, and July 18 subsistence salmon fishing will be closed on the following times:

- Tuesday, July 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15
- Thursday, July 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. Friday, July 17
- Saturday, July 18, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. Sunday, July 19

Subsistence fishermen in Districts 1 and 2 are reminded that all Chinook salmon caught and retained for subsistence during gillnet openings must be marked by removing both tips of the tail fin. The tips must be removed before concealing the Chinook salmon from plain view or before transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

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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