

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2015 Kuskokwim Bay Salmon Fishery News Release 9  
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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Bethel for subsistence and commercial salmon fisherman in the Kuskokwim Area.

**District 4, Quinhagak**

**District 4, Quinhagak, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015.**

Commercial salmon fishing opened for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Preliminary harvest from that period was 414 Chinook, 2,680 sockeye, and 2,676 chum salmon from 56 permits. Chinook salmon harvest and catch rate was above average. Sockeye salmon harvest was average, but the catch rate was above average. Chum salmon harvest was average, with the catch rate being above average.

The Kanektok River Weir has been in operation since June 22. As of July 22, total passage through the weir is 5,138 Chinook, 71,538 sockeye, and 6,327 chum salmon. Chinook salmon escapements are above average for this date, while the escapement of sockeye and chum salmon are below average.

**District 5, Goodnews Bay**

**District 5, Goodnews Bay, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015. The entirety of District 5 will be open to commercial salmon fishing.**

Commercial salmon fishing opened for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Preliminary harvest from that period was 31 Chinook, 1,935 sockeye, and 365 chum

salmon from 20 permits. Chinook salmon harvest was average. Sockeye salmon harvest was above average, while chum salmon harvest was below average.

The Middle Fork Goodnews River Weir has been in operation since June 25. As of July 22, total passage through the weir is 982 Chinook, 47,748 sockeye, and 4,992 chum salmon. Sockeye salmon escapement has exceeded the upper bound of the biological escapement goal (18,000–40,000 fish). Chinook, sockeye and chum salmon passage is below average.

The Department will be closely monitoring commercial fishing periods to assess fishery performance and anticipates announcing additional commercial fishing periods as warranted. Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

Commercial fishermen are encouraged to consult Fish and Game regulations prior to beginning commercial fishing operations.

For additional information or questions regarding Districts 4 and 5 and Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 855-933-2433.

