

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



*Sam Cotten, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director*



Contact:
Jeff Estensen, Area Management Biologist
Christy Gleason, Asst. Area Management Biologist
Phone: (907) 949-1320
Fax: (907) 949-1830

Lower Yukon Area Office
P.O. Box 127
Emmonak, Alaska 99581

Date Issued: 8/19/15
Time: 10:45 a.m.

**2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 29
Fall Announcement # 26, Yukon River District 1 Commercial Period 9
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

The 2015 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is on track for a run size between 700,000 and 800,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

The estimated passage of fall chum salmon having passed the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 18 is 403,000 fish, which is at the historical median of 402,000 fish for that date. The Lower Yukon Test Fishery catches of fall chum salmon were relatively high this morning, indicating another group of fish is entering the river. Therefore, a short notice commercial fishing period is being provided in District 1.

District 1 Commercial Schedule:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, on Wednesday, August 19 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 4-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 13 indicate a harvest of 12,925 fall chum and 11,953 coho salmon from 208 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 75,162 fall chum and 32,190 coho salmon.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets 24 hours a day, seven days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after a commercial fishing period. For this short notice commercial fishing period, subsistence salmon fishing will close in District 1 at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 19, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 20.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 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.

-end-