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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 32
Koyukuk River Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

As of June 23, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 109,000 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is well above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. However, all indications are that we are likely within our pre-season projection range of 130,000–175,000 Chinook salmon based on early run timing. The cumulative passage of summer chum salmon is approximately 868,000 fish. These estimates are well above average for this date and indicate we are likely within our pre-season projection range of 1.3 to 1.8 million summer chum salmon based on early run timing.

The first pulse of Chinook salmon passed the sonar project near Pilot Station from June 11 through June 14. Based on average swimming speed, a portion of this first pulse should be in Hughes on June 29 and Alatna on July 1.

Chinook salmon in the second pulse should enter the Koyukuk River on June 24. Additionally, the first pulse of summer chum salmon should be at the mouth of the Koyukuk River beginning June 28. Given the passage of the first pulse of Chinook salmon and the presence of summer chum salmon, subsistence restrictions are being lifted in the Koyukuk River. Fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for subsistence salmon fishing.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Koyukuk River:

Subsistence fishing is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days per week and fishermen may use 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

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 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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