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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 33
Innoko River Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower 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 and second pulses of Chinook salmon have migrated out of District 3. The third pulse of Chinook salmon will start passing through District 3 on June 22.

Given that the first pulse of Chinook salmon has passed the Innoko River and the large abundance of summer chum salmon, subsistence restrictions are being lifted in the Innoko River. Fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for subsistence salmon fishing.

Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Innoko 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. Saturday, June 25, 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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