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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 62
Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

As of July 14, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 173,000 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. Chinook salmon passage estimates at the sonar project near Eagle are promising. As of July 14, the sonar project near Eagle has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 21,600 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is above average for this date, but it is still too early to confidently determine the strength of the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run. The majority of the Chinook salmon run will have passed Tanana and Rampart as of July 19, however, summer chum salmon are still present in this area.

Consistent with management strategies in the lower river, the subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be relaxed to the regulatory schedule of two 48-hour periods per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in an effort to provide summer chum salmon harvest and avoid the harvest of large, female Chinook salmon headed to spawning areas in Canada. Fishermen may also use fish wheels which are not required to be manned. Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between these periods.

Management Actions

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C (from the western edge of the mouth of Illinois Creek upstream to the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron

Creek, including the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River bridge):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing is scheduled for two 24-hour periods per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (set net only) and fish wheels on the following schedule:

- 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays
- 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, subsistence salmon fishing will open for two 48-hour periods per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets (set net only) and fish wheels on the following schedule:

- 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays
- 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays

All salmon caught in set gillnets and fish wheels may be kept for subsistence use.

Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between periods. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Dip nets and beach seines may no longer be used for subsistence fishing.

A fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River in the lower portion of Subdistrict 5-D.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **(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 Fairbanks at (907) 459-7274 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at (907) 455-1849.

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