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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 5
Yukon River District 1 Commercial Period 2**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 5

The 2016 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size between 800,000 and 900,000 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. A mixture of both summer chum and fall chum salmon are currently entering the Yukon River. Commercial fishing in the lower river at this time will likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area** (see attached map), on Thursday, July 21 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Verbal reports from the first District 1 commercial opening on July 18 indicate a preliminary harvest of 22,300 fall chum salmon and 17,430 pink salmon from 133 deliveries.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours

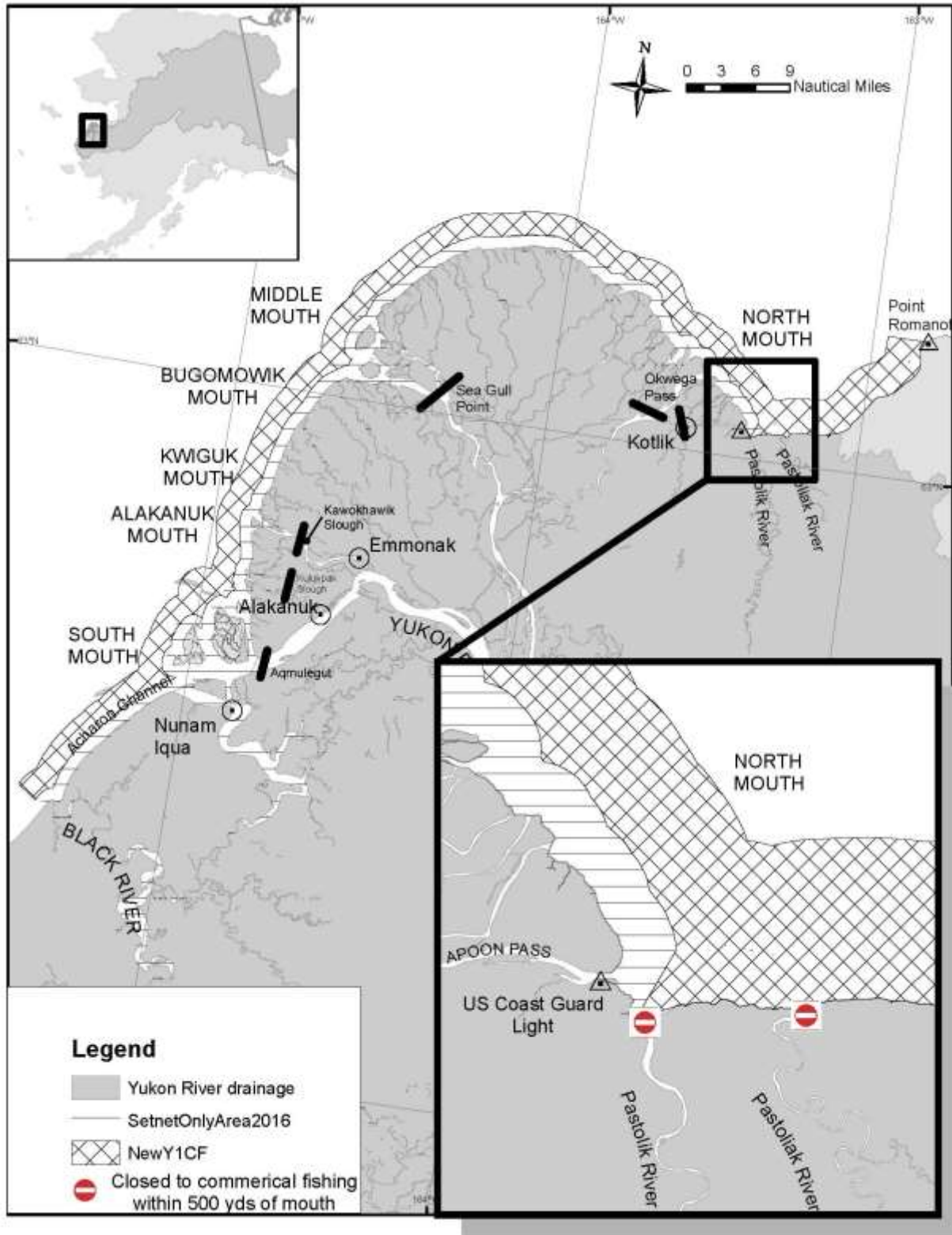
before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 1, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, July 21, and reopen at 12:00 noon Friday, July 22.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

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.

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Map of District 1 Set Net Only Area and new commercial fishing boundaries along the coast.