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2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 26 **Yukon River District 1 Commercial Period 9**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 23

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. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 9 is 458,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 306,700 fish for that date.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 on Thursday, August 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

Verbal reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 8 indicate a preliminary harvest of 715 fall chum and 984 coho salmon from 93 deliveries. The cumulative commercial harvest in District 1 to date is 83,985 fall chum and 3,427 coho salmon.

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 1:00 a.m. Thursday, August 11, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 12. 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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