

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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**2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 29
Yukon River District 1 Commercial Period 11
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 26**

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 14 is 490,700 fish, which is above the historical median of 392,700 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 Tuesday, August 16 from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. midnight. This will be a 7-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 Tuesday, August 16 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 5-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

Verbal reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 11 indicate a preliminary harvest of 14,370 fall chum and 2,609 coho salmon from 181 deliveries. The cumulative commercial harvest in District 1 to date is 98,394 fall chum and 6,036 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 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 16, and reopen at 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesday, August 17. 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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