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2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 39 Yukon River District 1 Commercial Period 14

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area Emergency Order # 34

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the <u>Set Net Only Area</u> of District Y-1 on Tuesday, August 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the <u>Set Net Only Area</u> with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Tuesday, August 23 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 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 21 indicate a preliminary harvest of 20,154 fall chum and 18,150 coho salmon. The cumulative commercial harvest in District 1 to date is 184,574 fall chum and 43,730 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. For this short notice period, subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 will close at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 24. 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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