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2016 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 61

Yukon River Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Fishing

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area
Emergency Order # 52

The 2016 fall chum salmon total run size projection, based on inseason assessment, is for 1.5 million fish. The preliminary total fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 31 is 992,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 669,500 fish for that date. The 2016 coho salmon run projection, based on inseason assessment and commercial harvest below the mainstem sonar project near Pilot Station, is for an above average run size. The cumulative coho salmon passage estimate through August 31 was 168,000 fish, which is above the median passage of approximately 132,900 fish for this date.

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Schedule:

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C is currently open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week until 12:00 midnight Friday, September 30. The commercial fishing schedule will now remain open through 12:00 midnight Wednesday, October 5. Fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller. **Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing. Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.**

Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistricts 5-C from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of

Dall River. Subsistence permits expire on October 15 and are due back to the department within 10 days of expiration. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

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 Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

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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