

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release #23  
Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area  
Fall Season Emergency Order # 22

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason run projection is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. The estimated fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 3 is 437,900 fish, which is above the historical median of 209,800 fish for that date.

**Subdistrict 4-A Commercial** (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):

**Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 7, commercial fishing will be open 24-hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 14.** Fishermen may use 6-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets or fish wheels. Fish wheels do not need to be manned during the fall season commercial fishery. Commercial fishermen should confirm their buyer before they fish.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. All fish species harvested and not sold must be recorded on the fish ticket as "caught but not sold". All other salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale.

The commercial fishing schedule does not affect the current subsistence fishing schedule.

Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers must notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches, and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at (866) 479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak office at 949-1320 or 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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