

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 35
District 1 Commercial Period 10
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 32**

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

There is a large pulse of fall chum salmon in District 1. Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, from **6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15**. This will be a 3-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh. Kwik'pak will be operating the Mountain Village buying station for this period in District 1. Fishermen will need to standby on VHF for announcements regarding extensions during this period.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Verbal reports from District 1 period 9 commercial opening on August 12 indicate a preliminary harvest of 42,420 fall chum and 2,766 coho salmon from 215 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 1 is 233,299 fall chum and 7,277 coho salmon.

Reminders to fishermen in District 1:

During subsistence salmon fishing closures in District 1, the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass are closed. These 2 rivers are also closed to commercial fishing, including 500 yards around the mouths.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for closures before, during, and after commercial fishing periods. **In District 1, for this short notice commercial period subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 16.** 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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