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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 37

District 2 Commercial Period 9

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 34

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

This District 2 commercial fishing announcement changes the previous news release that announced a four hour opening for District 2. Because the abundance of fall chum salmon in District 2 is much greater than projected, and because of limited processing capacity in District 2, **the following changes are in effect:**

The amended commercial fishing period in District 2 will now be open from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16. This will be a 2-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

Mountain Village will be the only buying station operating for this period in District 2. Tenders will be operating below St Mary's. St Mary's buying station will not be operating for 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 2 period 8 commercial opening on August 15 indicate a preliminary harvest of 10,152 fall chum and 304 coho salmon from 48 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 2 is 61,842 fall chum and 1,501 coho salmon.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 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 closures before,

during and after commercial fishing periods. **For this short notice commercial period, subsistence fishing will close at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16 and reopen at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 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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