

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



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**2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 63  
District 6 Commercial Fishing**  
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area  
Fall Season Emergency Order # 55

The 2017 coho salmon run projection, based on inseason assessment and commercial harvest, is for an above average run size. The estimated cumulative coho salmon passage at the mainstem sonar located near Pilot Station through September 7 was 166,500 fish, which is above the median passage of approximately 160,300 fish for that date. Through September 24, a preliminary total of 131,463 coho salmon have been commercially harvested in the Yukon Area; of that harvest, 2,183 coho salmon have been harvested in District 6.

The department has identified an additional surplus of coho salmon available for a limited commercial harvest in District 6. In accordance with Yukon River Coho Salmon Management Plan, the coho salmon directed commercial fishing season in District 6 will open on October 1 and close no later than October 5.

**Districts 6 Commercial Fishing:**

Commercial fishing in District 6 will be open for one period from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 3 until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 4. Commercial fishermen may use 6-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets or fish wheels.

After this announced period, the commercial coho salmon fishing season in District will close by regulation and the department does not anticipate any additional commercial openings for the remainder of the 2017 season.

**Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing.** All fish harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. All fish species harvested and not sold must be recorded on the fish ticket as “caught but not sold”. 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 are available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** or in Fairbanks call **459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G 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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