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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery.

ALSEK RIVER: will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, a 12-hour fishing period. Salmon may be taken only with gillnets of **six inches or smaller mesh.**

Inseason management for the Alsek River fishery is accomplished by monitoring fishery performance data and comparing it to historical catch per unit effort (CPUE). The Alsek River is a glacial system and aerial surveys are not an effective management tool. There is no other means of assessing run strength, other than the Klukshu River weir in Canada. The Klukshu River weir is not a useful inseason management tool for Yakutat managers because fish do not reach the weir until 4-6 weeks after the commercial fishery opens.

Fishermen are advised to release **ALL** live, healthy Chinook salmon.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0818.

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