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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 24
District 2 Commercial Period 7 and Subsistence Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2018 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is 700,000 to 900,000 fish. Fall chum salmon passage by the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 6 is 223,500 fish, which is below the 288,300 fish median for that date. Although passage is below median, the 2018 fall chum salmon run is tracking within the preseason projection range.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2, from 1:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 8. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold. **Commercial fishermen need to confirm their buyer prior to fishing.**

District 2 Subsistence Salmon 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 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after commercial fishing periods. **Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 8, and reopen at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, August 9.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 5 indicate a harvest of 13,913 fall chum salmon from 84 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 through August 1 is 31,905 fall chum salmon.

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