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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 25
District 1 Commercial Period 8 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 7 is 235,400 fish, which is below the 294,600 fish median for that date. Although passage is below median, the 2018 fall chum salmon run is tracking within the preseason projection range.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open for one period in the Set Net Only Area of District 1 on Thursday, August 9 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the Set Net Only Area with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The remainder of District 1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 9 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The sale of incidentally caught Chinook salmon is prohibited. All Chinook salmon kept for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

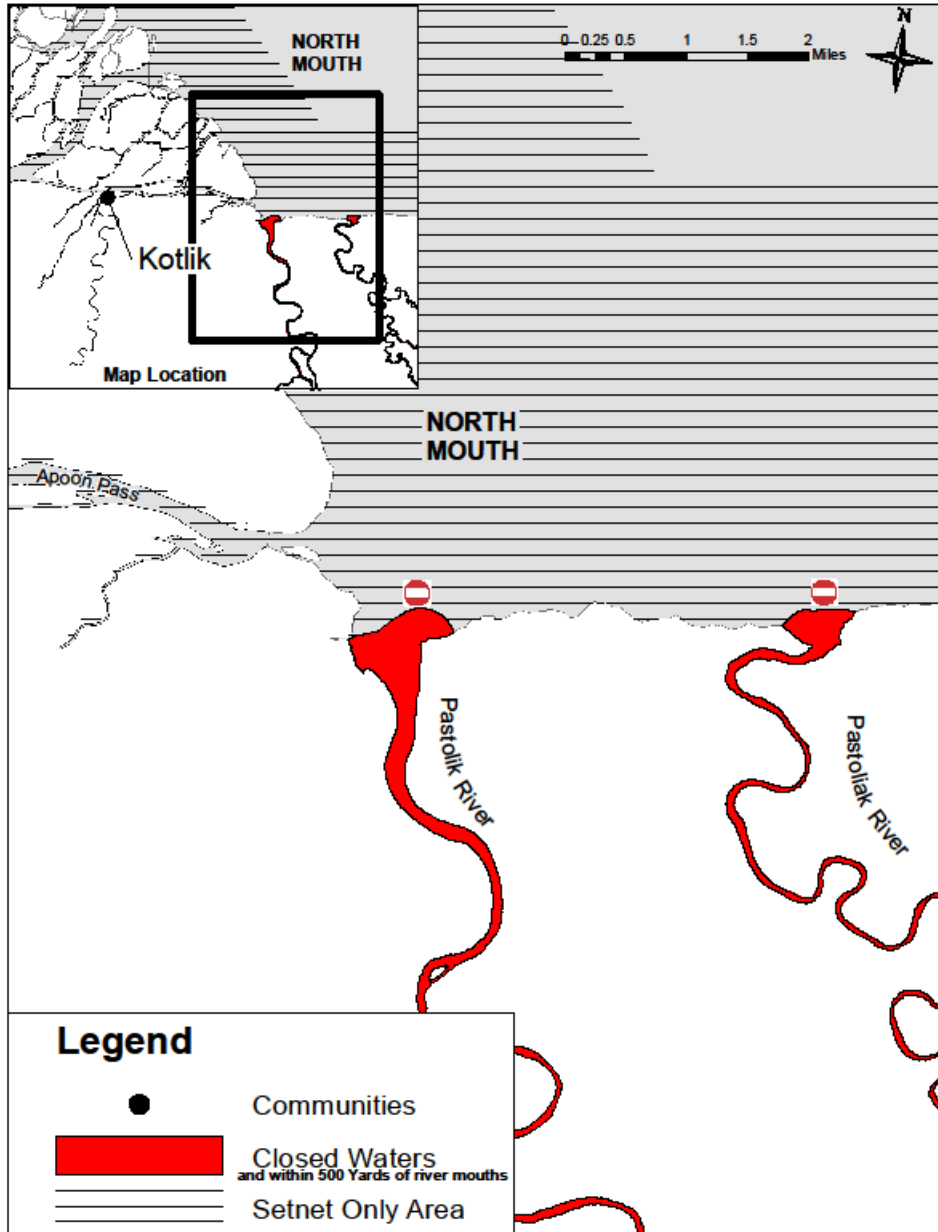
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing, (see map below). **Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.**

Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 6 indicate a harvest of 7,269 fall chum salmon and 1,791 coho salmon from 180 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 59,740 fall chum salmon and 3,279 coho salmon.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, 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 each commercial fishing period. **Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 2:00 a.m. Thursday, August 9, and reopen at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 10.**

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 949-1798.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing.

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