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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 28
District 1 Commercial Period 9 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 11 is 335,900 fish, which is near the 342,400 fish median for that date. 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 Monday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 12-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 Monday, August 13 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 9-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.**

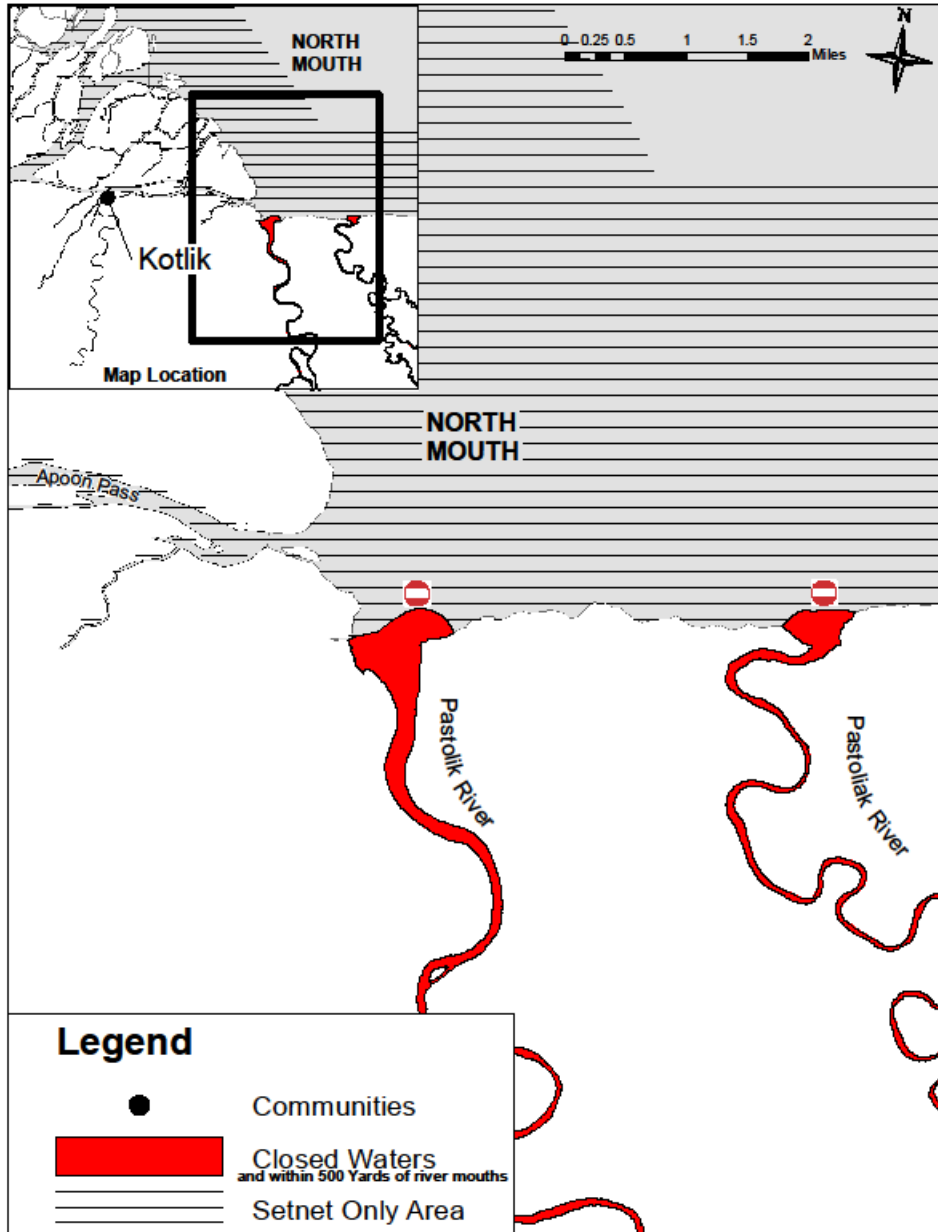
Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on August 9 indicate a harvest of 12,538 fall chum salmon and 3,136 coho salmon from 183 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 72,136 fall chum salmon and 6,416 coho salmon.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 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 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 14.

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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