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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 44
District 1 Commercial Period 14 and Subsistence Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District 1 on Monday, August 27 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 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 Monday, August 27 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets.

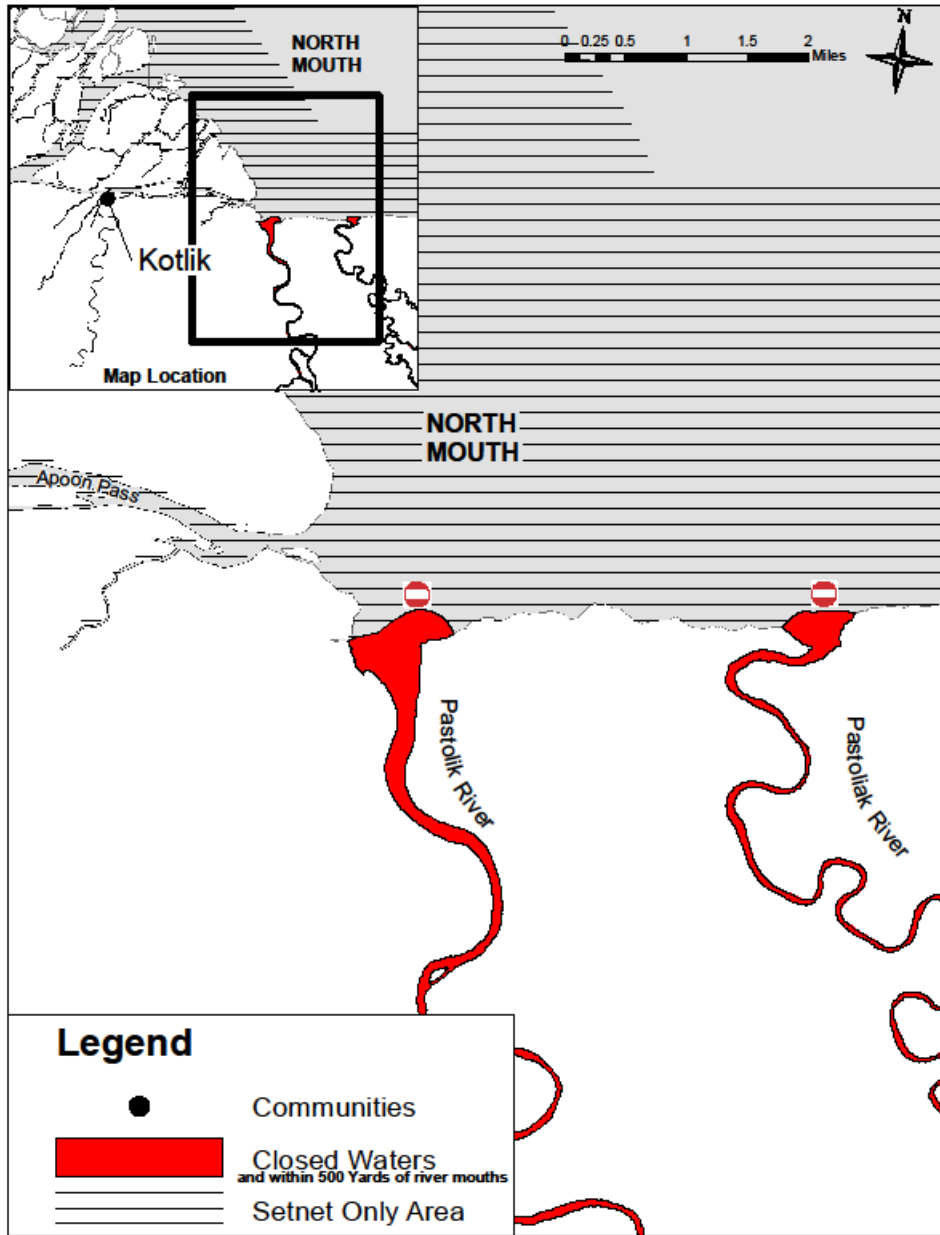
Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

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 is closed in these waters, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, for closures before, during, and after each commercial opening.**

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 closures before, during, and after each commercial fishing period. **For this commercial opening, subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 12:00 midnight Sunday, August 26, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 28.**

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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