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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 3

District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2019 fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the relationship between summer chum to fall chum salmon run sizes, is for a run size of 625,000 fall chum salmon with a range of 500,000 to 750,000 fish. Run sizes within this range are expected to provide for escapement and subsistence use needs. In accordance with the *Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan*, a threshold run size of 550,000 fish is necessary to open a fall chum salmon directed commercial fishery. Commercial fishing would be allowed on the surplus above that level. During the transitional period between the summer and fall seasons, a large number of summer chum salmon are still entering the river. A commercial period at this time would harvest a mixture of both summer and fall chum salmon. Fishermen should standby for future announcements regarding commercial fishing.

Commercial fishermen intending to fish in the Set Net Only Area of District 1 are required to register with the department prior to the opening. Registration can be completed by calling the Emmonak Fish and Game office at 949-1320.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets:

- **Set Net Only Area:** 9-hour period on Thursday, July 18 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.
- **Remainder of District 1:** 6-hour period on Thursday, July 18 from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Chinook salmon may be sold during these commercial openings. All Chinook salmon sold or retained for subsistence during commercial openings must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

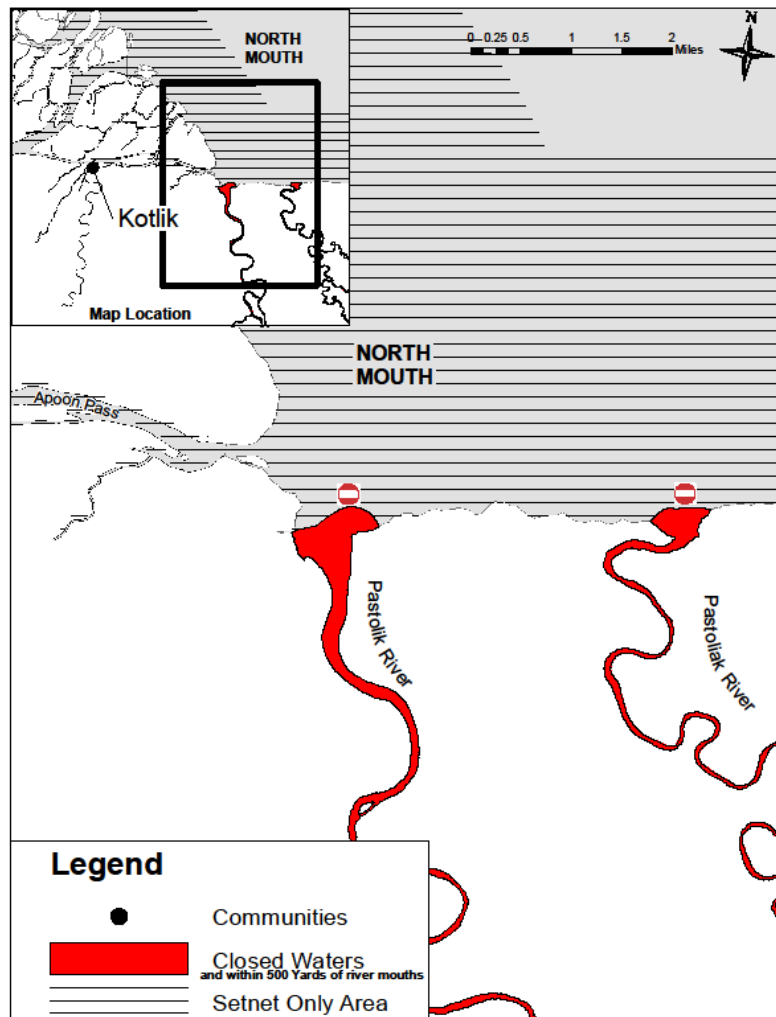
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing (see map below). Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each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

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 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. **Subsistence salmon fishing, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, and reopen at 12:00 noon Friday, July 19.**

Subsistence fishermen must remove both tips of the tail fin of Chinook salmon before concealing from plain view or leaving the fishing site.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks call 455-1849.



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

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