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Advisory Announcement

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2020 Yukon River Salmon Summer Fishery Announcement #23 District 1 Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The previously announced commercial period in District 1 is being extended. All Chinook salmon must be released alive during commercial openings with dip nets and beach seines.

The processor has notified the department that for the safety of the commercial fishing fleet and surrounding communities, they will not be buying salmon in District 2 for the remainder of summer season to allow for time to thoroughly test for COVID-19 and reduce the spread of infection.

Commercial fishing

District 1:

The previously announced 24-hour commercial fishing period starting 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 with dip nets and beach seines will be <u>extended</u> 18 more hours. **Commercial fishing with dip nets and beach seines will be open from**:

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, July 3 (a 42-hour period)

<u>Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer and should check tender locations prior to fishing</u>. Crewmembers must have a current crewmember license. The phone number to reach CFEC is: 907-789-6150. CFEC permits can be renewed online at: www.cfec.state.ak.us/Leon/#leon

Commercial fishermen must have a signed Shore-based Fishing Operation Protective Measures Acknowledgement form onboard and on file with their processor: https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-MANDATE-017-Appendix-02-Acknowledgement-Form-REVISED.pdf

Subsistence Management Actions

District 1 and the North Coastal Area (from 62 degrees North latitude north to Point Romanof, including the Black River, and communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua, Alakanuk, and Kotlik):

Subsistence fishing will open with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets on a schedule of two 18-hour periods per week from:

2 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays

2 p.m. Tuesdays to 8 a.m. Wednesdays



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 456-0406.



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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.