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**2016 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 31
District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

As of June 23, the sonar project near Pilot Station has estimated a cumulative passage of approximately 109,000 Chinook salmon. This cumulative passage estimate is well above average for this date, but below average for years with early run timing. However, all indications are that we are likely within our pre-season projection range of 130,000–175,000 Chinook salmon based on early run timing. The cumulative passage of summer chum salmon is approximately 868,000 fish. These estimates are well above average for this date and indicate we are likely within our pre-season projection range of 1.3 to 1.8 million summer chum salmon based on early run timing.

The first and second pulses of Chinook salmon have migrated out of District 3. The third pulse of Chinook salmon will start passing through District 3 on June 22.

Consistent with management strategies discussed at the pre-season meeting, it is warranted to provide subsistence harvest opportunity for Chinook and summer chum salmon on a reduced regulatory schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets as the first and second pulses of Chinook salmon have migrated past District 3. This gear restriction is meant to provide a chum salmon harvest opportunity while minimizing the harvest of larger, older Chinook salmon.

In District 3 the reduced regulatory fishing schedule will consist of two 18-hour periods per week. During these subsistence periods, gear is restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets. Chinook salmon caught during these periods may be retained for subsistence use. Dip nets and

beach seines may no longer be used for subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishing is closed between the 18-hour periods.

Management Actions

District 3:

Effective 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 26, Subsistence summer chum salmon fishing is open for two 18-hour periods per week on the following schedule with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets until further notice:

- 8:00 p.m. Sundays to 2:00 p.m. Mondays
- 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays to 2:00 p.m. Thursdays

Chinook salmon caught in gillnets may be retained for subsistence use. Between the fishing periods subsistence salmon fishing is closed.

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets of 60 feet or shorter length to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Dip nets and beach seines may no longer be used for subsistence fishing.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Emmonak at (907) 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at (907) 949-1798.

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