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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 60 District 6 Fall Season Commercial Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area Fall Season Emergency Order # 52

District 6 Commercial Schedule:

The previously announced commercial salmon fishing period in District 6 that was scheduled to close at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 27 will now remain open until 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 30. Commercial fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size set gillnets or fish wheels.

The commercial salmon season in District 6 ends by regulation after September 30. Buyers and fishermen should standby for announcements regarding a coho-directed commercial fishery.

Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing. All fish harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. All fish species harvested and not sold must be recorded on the fish ticket as "caught but not sold". Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers must notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

These commercial fishing periods do not affect the current subsistence and personal use fishing schedules. During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches must be removed from the water.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** or in Fairbanks call **459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

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