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2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 5

District 2 Commercial Period 1 and Subsistence Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2018 fall chum salmon preseason run projection is for a run size of 700,000 to 900,000 fish. This level of abundance is anticipated to be sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes. A mixture of both summer chum and fall chum salmon are currently entering the Yukon River. Commercial fishing in the lower river at this time will likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

District 2 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after commercial fishing periods. Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

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