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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 7
District 1 and 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Recent data from the Lower Yukon Test Fishery and Pilot Station Sonar indicate that the first pulse of Chinook salmon, which is typically bound for spawning grounds in Canada, is in the lower river. By regulation, these fish are protected as they pass through the lower river districts. Therefore, subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets will close in District 1 and District 2 and fishing will re-open to target summer chum salmon with selective gear (dip nets and beach seines). Catches of summer chum salmon with selective gear may be low until the chum run builds in the lower river. All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.

Management Actions

District 1 (including Black River and North Coastal District) Subsistence:

Effective 4 a.m. Sunday, June 11, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon on the following weekly schedule:

From 4 a.m. Sundays until 2 p.m. Mondays (34-hr period); and

From 4 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays (10-hr period each day)

District 2 Subsistence:

Effective 4 a.m. Sunday, June 11, subsistence salmon fishing will open with dip nets and beach seines only to target summer chum salmon for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice. Once commercial fishing begins in District 2, subsistence fishermen should expect fishing opportunity for chum salmon on a schedule with selective gear.

General Reminders:

Dip net mesh size is restricted to 4.5-inch or smaller.

Beach seines must be set from the beach and hauled to the beach. Beach seine gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and 4-inches stretched measure. Additionally, beach seines may not be constructed of monofilament webbing.

All Chinook salmon must be released alive from dip nets and beach seines.

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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