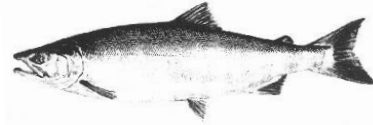


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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 11
District 1 Commercial Period 4 and Subsistence Schedule**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

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.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open for the fall season for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District 1 on Thursday, July 26 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Set Net Only Area** with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The remainder of District 1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, July 26 from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets. The sale of incidentally caught Chinook salmon is prohibited. All Chinook salmon kept for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

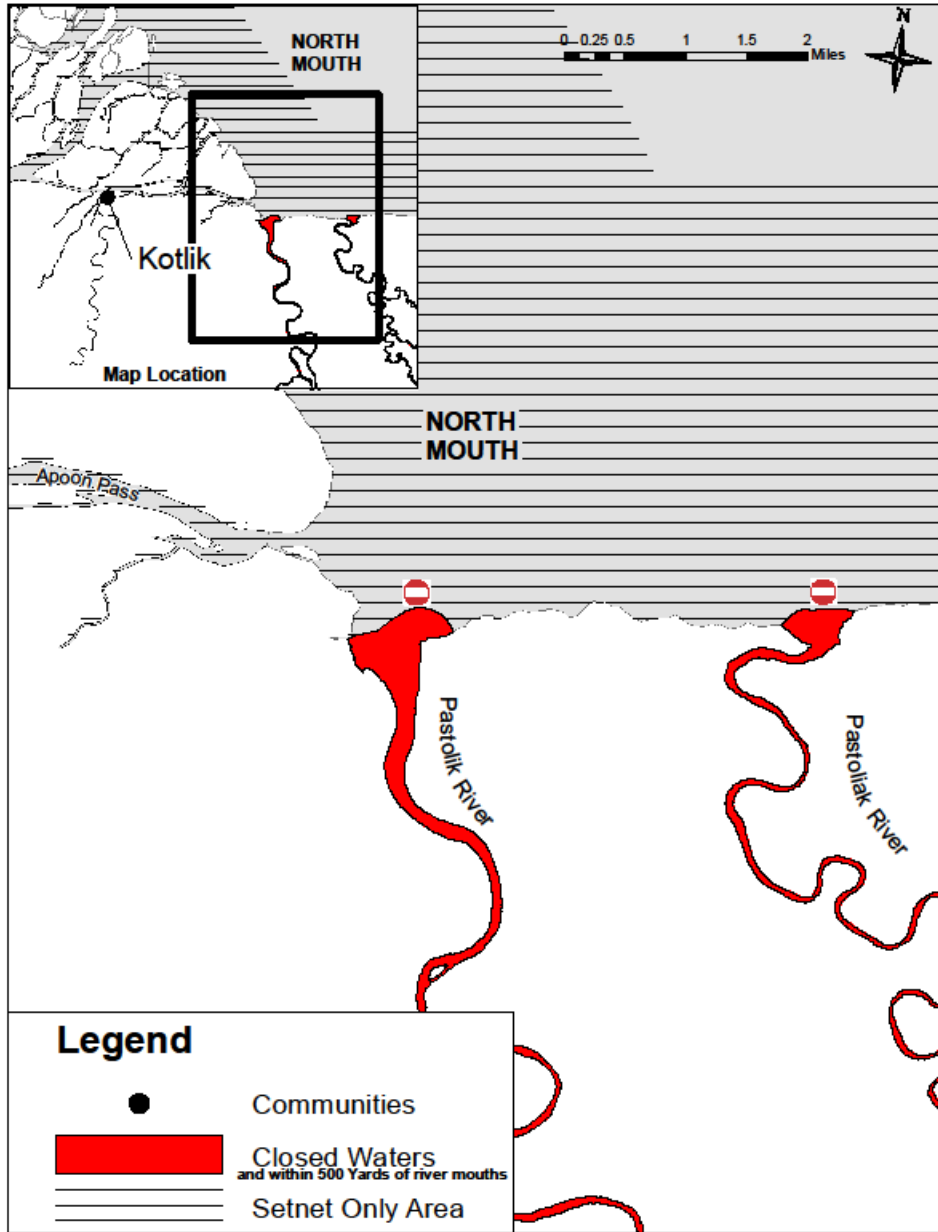
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing, (see map below). **Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.**

Preliminary reports from the District 1 commercial opening on July 23 indicate a harvest of 920 fall chum salmon from 64 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 1 is 32,643 fall chum salmon.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, 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 each commercial fishing period. **Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will close at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, July 26, and reopen at 12:00 noon Friday, July 27.**

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 949-1798.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing.
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