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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 13
District 2 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 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29. 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. Sunday, July 29, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 30.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on July 25 indicate a harvest of 941 fall chum salmon from 31 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 through July 25 is 15,287 fall chum salmon.

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