

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## **2019 Yukon River Salmon Fishery News Release # 15 Districts 1, 2 and 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

So far, the 2019 Chinook run appears similar to the 2018 Chinook run size. Similar to 2018, harvest on Chinook runs of this size needs to be restricted in order to meet escapement goals and harvest share objectives. Like last year, fishing is reduced to half the regulatory (windows) fishing schedule, gillnets are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh, and **one fishing period per week is being cancelled**, as needed, to allow fish to pass upriver. The 2019 summer chum salmon run is very late and weak. Therefore, there is unlikely to be commercial fishing for summer chum this season.

**District 1:** Subsistence fishing is currently closed.

- **Effective 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, subsistence fishermen are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for one 18-hour period from 2 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday**

Fishermen should stand by for further announcements regarding the Tuesday, July 2 period.

**District 2 and 3:** Subsistence fishing is currently closed. As previously announced, the Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> period has been cancelled.

- **Effective 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29 subsistence fishermen are restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets for one 18-hour period from 2 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday**

Fishermen should stand by for further announcements regarding the Wednesday, July 3 period.

**Subsistence salmon fishing is closed between the 18-hour fishing periods.** During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fishing for non-salmon species is allowed. However, gillnet mesh must be 4-inch or smaller.

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