

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 20  
District 2 Commercial Period 6 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, August 5.** 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. **Commercial fishermen need to confirm their buyer prior to fishing.**

**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, August 5, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 6.** 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 August 1 indicate a harvest of 2,009 fall chum salmon from 68 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 through August 1 is 17,992 fall chum salmon.

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. News releases and fishery information will be shared on Facebook at:

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