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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 20 Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The 2019 fall chum salmon preseason projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, has been revised to a range of 700,000-800,000 fish. Run sizes within this range are expected to provide for escapement, subsistence needs, and a limited commercial fishery. The first fall chum salmon pulse began entering the Yukon River on August 3 and is continuing to pass the mainstem sonar near the community of Pilot Station. The fall chum salmon that entered in the first pulse are anticipated to reach Stevens Village beginning August 27, Fort Yukon beginning September 2, Circle beginning September 4, and the Canadian Border beginning September 12.

Subdistrict 5-D (including the Porcupine River, other adjacent tributaries, and communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open from 10 a.m. Friday, August 9 until 10 p.m. Monday, August 12, with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, fish wheels, and dip nets.

Effective 10 p.m. Monday, August 12, subsistence fishing will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets, fish wheels, and dip nets.

A fishing permit is required for all species from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the mouth of Dall River (Dalton Highway bridge area), and from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit areas are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars and subsistence fishing permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

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