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2018 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 25 Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

At this time, a precautious management approach to subsistence harvest of Chinook salmon will remain in effect as the run abundance of Chinook salmon is being assessed. However, commercial summer chum salmon fishing periods with selective gear (dip nets and beach seines) are being announced between subsistence fishing periods to allow for harvest of summer chum. All Chinook salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket.

District 1 (including Black River) Commercial:

Commercial fishing will be open for <u>three additional 12-hour</u> periods with dip nets and beach seine gear:

- Noon to Midnight, Wednesday, June 27
- Noon to Midnight, Thursday, June 28
- Noon to Midnight, Saturday, June 30

All Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket.

District 2 Commercial:

Commercial fishing will be open for <u>two additional 12-hour</u> periods with dip nets and beach seines:

- Noon to Midnight, Saturday, June 30
- Noon to Midnight, Sunday, July 1

Chinook salmon must be released alive immediately and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen must confirm they have a buyer <u>prior</u> to fishing.

Subsistence Fishing:

District 1: Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is open from:

• 2 p.m. Friday, June 29 to 8 a.m. Saturday, June 30

Districts 2 and 3: Subsistence fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets is open from:

- 2 p.m. Monday, June 25 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 26
- 2 p.m. Monday, July 2 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 3

Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free).

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