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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 28
Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area**

The Pilot Station sonar passage estimate through June 28 is over 2.2 million summer chum salmon which is well above the median of 955,000 fish for this date. Because there is a large surplus of summer chum salmon available and there is a buyer in Subdistrict 4-A, commercial fishing will remain open to target summer chum salmon.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):

Commercial fishing is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week with commercial fish wheels only until further notice.

Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish. Fishermen must use commercial fish wheels that are manned at all times of operation. A commercial fishing period will consist of 24 hours from midnight to 11:59 p.m. each day.

All Chinook salmon caught in commercial fish wheels must be immediately returned to the water alive. Chinook salmon caught and released must be recorded on a fish ticket. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Other salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold".

Commercial fish wheels must be constructed in a manner that includes:

- a) basket sides and bottoms consisting of soft mesh material similar to or made of seine web;
- b) an adjustable or fixed slide or chute that consists of a smooth bottom and closed cell foam lined sides;
- c) returns Chinook salmon immediately to the water.

This is an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If you have any questions, please call ADF&G in Emmonak at 949-1320, ADF&G in Fairbanks at 459-7274, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798. Fishing schedules, test fish catches and sonar counts are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387** (toll free); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

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