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**2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 29
Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Inseason assessment indicates that over 2.2 million summer chum have entered the Yukon River. In order to harvest summer chum salmon from this strong run, four commercial openings with 6-inch or smaller mesh are being announced in District 1. Due to limited buyer capacity, District 2 commercial openings will continue with selective gear only. Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish and stand by for the announcement of additional periods.

Subsistence fishing in Districts 1 and 2 is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week except closed 2 hours before, during, and 2 hours after commercial periods. Commercial and subsistence fishing schedules are available 24 hours a day at **(866) 479-7387**.

Commercial

District 1 (including Black River) Commercial:

Commercial fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will open for four 8-hour periods:

- **5 p.m. Saturday, July 1 until 1 a.m. Sunday, July 2**
- **5 p.m. Monday, July 3 until 1 a.m. Tuesday, July 4**
- **5 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 until 1 a.m. Thursday, July 6**
- **5 p.m. Friday, July 7 until 1 a.m. Saturday, July 8**

Any Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear during the commercial gillnet openings may be kept for subsistence use and must be recorded on a fish ticket as "kept but not sold". Chinook salmon kept for subsistence use during the commercial gillnet openings must be marked by removing both tips of the tail fin before concealing the Chinook salmon from plain view or before transferring the salmon from the fishing site.

District 2 Commercial:

Commercial fishing with dip nets and beach seines only will open for two 8-hour periods to target summer chum salmon:

- **4 p.m. Tuesday, July 4 until midnight Tuesday, July 4**
- **4 p.m. Thursday, July 6 until midnight Thursday, July 6**

All Chinook salmon must be released alive from commercial dip nets and beach seines and recorded on a fish ticket.

During fishing closures, subsistence fishermen may use gillnets of 4-inch or smaller mesh of 60 feet or shorter length to target non salmon species. Chinook salmon harvested in 4-inch or smaller gillnets may be kept.

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**.

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, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak at 949-1798.

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