

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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2017 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 31 Districts 1 and 2 Commercial Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Inseason assessment indicates that over 2.6 million summer chum have entered the Yukon River. In order to harvest summer chum salmon from this strong run, commercial openings with 6-inch or smaller mesh are being announced in District 1 and District 2. 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 9-hour periods:

- **5 p.m. Monday, July 10 to 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 11**
- **5 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 to 2 a.m. Thursday, July 13**
- **5 p.m. Friday, July 14 to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 15**
- **5 p.m. Saturday, July 15 to 2 a.m. Sunday, July 16**

District 2 Commercial:

Commercial fishing with 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets will open for two 2-hour periods:

- **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11**
- **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13**

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.

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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