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**2018 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 32
District 2 Commercial Period 11 and Subsistence Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2018 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is 700,000 to 900,000 fish. Fall chum salmon passage by the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 15 is 363,200 fish, which is slightly below the 410,700 fish median for that date. The 2018 fall chum salmon run is tracking within the preseason projection range.

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, August 17. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. Commercial fishermen need to confirm their buyer prior to fishing.

District 2 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after commercial fishing periods. **Subsistence salmon fishing will close at 2 a.m. Friday, August 17, and reopen at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 18.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 11 indicate a harvest of 9,275 fall chum salmon and 889 coho salmon from 102 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 through August 11 is 49,633 fall chum salmon and 3,284 coho salmon.

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