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2019 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 32 District 1 Commercial Period 9 and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open with <u>6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets</u>:

- Set Net Only Area: 7-hour period on Friday, August 23 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Remainder of District 1: 5-hour period on Friday, August 23 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Chinook salmon may be sold during these commercial openings. All Chinook salmon sold or retained for subsistence during commercial openings must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers:

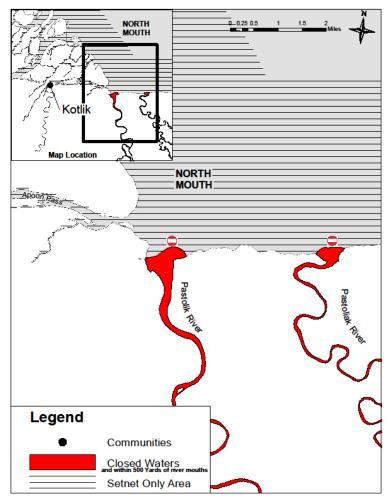
The Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass, including 500 yards around their mouths, are closed to commercial fishing (see map below). Also, subsistence fishing with gillnets, including gillnets with 4-inch mesh or less, is closed in these waters 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial opening.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1, is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. For this short notice commercial opening, subsistence salmon fishing, including the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers, will now close at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 24.

Subsistence fishermen must remove both tips of the tail fin of Chinook salmon before concealing from plain view or leaving the fishing site.

This is an announcement by the ADF&G in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To reach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Emmonak call 949-1798.



Map showing location of Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers closed to commercial fishing. -end-