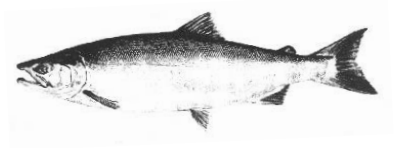


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**2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 39  
District 1 Commercial Period 11  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

**District 1 Commercial Fishing:**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, from **12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20**. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Verbal reports from District 1 period 10 commercial opening on August 15 indicate a preliminary harvest of 23,040 fall chum and 5,073 coho salmon from 208 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 1 is 255,471 fall chum and 13,632 coho salmon.

**Reminders to fishermen in District 1:**

During subsistence salmon fishing closures in District 1, the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass are closed. These 2 rivers are also closed to commercial fishing, including 500 yards around the mouths.

**District 1 Subsistence Fishing:**

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for closures before, during, and after commercial fishing periods. **In District 1, for this short notice commercial period subsistence salmon fishing will close at**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 20, and reopen at 11:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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