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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2011 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 8
Fall Announcement # 6, District 1 Commercial Period 4**
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Based on the performance of this year's summer chum salmon run, the projected fall chum salmon total run size is approximately 750,000 fish. This level of abundance should be adequate to meet escapement and subsistence needs and provide for a limited commercial harvest. The Pilot Station Sonar cumulative passage estimate through July 31 is 111,000 fall chum, which is below the historical median of 138,000 for this date. The first pulse of fall chum salmon has entered the Yukon River and is expected to reach Pilot Station sonar during the next several days. Because of the number of fall chum salmon anticipated in this first pulse, a limited commercial harvest at this time should not negatively impact fall chum salmon escapement or subsistence opportunity.

District Y-1: Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District Y-1, including the Set Net Only Area, on Tuesday, August 2 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

In Districts Y-1, Y-2, and Y-3, subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. Subsistence fishing in District 1 will close at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 2 and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 3.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. 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 cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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