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**NEWS RELEASE**



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**2008 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 12**  
**Announcement # 8, 2008 Lower Yukon Subsistence Fishing Schedule**  
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Lower Yukon Test Fishery project (LYTF) detected the first pulse of Chinook salmon entering the Yukon from June 14 through June 17. The cumulative CPUE through June 17 is 5.04 which is below the average of 8.48 for this date. The magnitude of the first pulse of Chinook salmon detected by the LYTF will be more clearly understood after it is further assessed by Pilot Station sonar and the Marshall Drift Project.

The preliminary Pilot Station sonar passage estimate for Chinook salmon through June 17 is 11,554 fish which is below the average of 37,460 for this date. The preliminary passage estimate for summer chum salmon through June 17 is 59,707 which is below the average of 156,160 for this date.

Based on subsistence reports and the current test fishery catch rates, the 2008 Chinook salmon run timing is estimated to be 2-3 days later than average. The department will continue to make management decisions consistent with the preseason projection, and as more assessment information becomes available, management decisions will increasingly be based on the inseason assessment of the runs.

The subsistence salmon fishing schedule is currently in effect for the lower river districts. This schedule will continue until the run size is projected to be of sufficient strength to warrant discontinuing the schedule. This schedule is subject to change depending on run strength.

**District Y-1:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays.

**District Y-2:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays and from 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays.

**District Y-3:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open from 8:00 a.m. Fridays until 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Coastal District and the Innoko River:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

**Reminder:** During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches must be removed from the water.

All Yukon River commercial fishers are reminded to renew their commercial fishing permits. The department will not be able to issue "request for duplicates" for those individuals who have not renewed their permit in a timely manner. Please call the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) at 907-789-6160 if you have questions or problems with permits.

Commercial fishers are also reminded that commercial fishing vessels must clearly display in permanent symbols either a renewed ADF&G vessel license plate number or the fishermen's five (5) digit CFEC permit serial number and the letter which follows. These symbols must be at least 12 inches high and one 1 inch wide and be placed on both sides of the hull or cabin.

Fishers are encouraged to consult the State of Alaska commercial and subsistence fishing regulations and the federal subsistence fishing regulations before fishing in the Yukon Area.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 949-1798. 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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