

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-09-12

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period July 30 – August 5, 2012. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 5. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 5. During this period an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already harvested their original permit limit.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During July 9 – July 15, there were 146,073 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 50,539 salmon, which results in a surplus of 95,534 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to justify 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 30 – August 5, which is an increase of 24 hours over the preseason schedule. In addition, an excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already harvested their original permit limit.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357 and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.