

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-10-12

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 August 6 – August 31, 2012. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 12 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, August 6 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31. During the period from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 12 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:

Continued strong fish passage past the Miles Lake sonar, projected sonar counts for the remainder of its operation, Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow continuous fishing through August 31. During July 16 – July 22, there were 124,578 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 41,631 salmon, which results in a surplus of 82,947 salmon. 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, during the week of August 6 – August 12, 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.