

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-27-14

Issued at: Soldotna, Thursday, June 26, 2014

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 10, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery, beginning 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 10, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2014. Any king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately unharmed.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. (c)(1)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 10, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2014:

5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

(c)(1) in the Kenai River, as follows:

(B) the annual limit is as specified in 5 AAC 77.525, except that king salmon may not be retained; any king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately unharmed;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The purpose of 5 AAC 21.359 *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* (a), is to ensure adequate escapement of late-run king salmon into the Kenai River. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for late-run Kenai River king salmon is 15,000 to 30,000 king salmon. As directed in 5 AAC 21.359 *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* (e)(2) from July 1 through July 31, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery, the retention of king salmon is prohibited in the personal use fishery. Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-26-14 has been issued prohibiting bait in the sport fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.