

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-14

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2014

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict for a 48-hour period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 7 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 8. In addition, this emergency order establishes the 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. **Tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below.** Additional emergency orders will implement and likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

Saturday, June 07, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 08, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 09, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 15, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 16, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 22, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 23, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 29, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 30, 12:00 PM	through	Sunday, July 06, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, July 08, 8:00 PM	through	Sunday, July 13, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, July 15, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, July 20, 11:59 PM
Thursday, July 24, 12:00 PM	through	Sunday, July 27, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, July 29, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, August 03, 11:59 PM
Monday, August 04, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, August 31, 11:59 PM

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. Saturday, June 7 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 8. 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:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction outlined in the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan (5 AAC 77.591). The plan establishes the season from June 7 through September 30, and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During May 19 – 25, there were 137,786 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 58,475 salmon, which results in a surplus of 79,311 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain 48 hours of fishing time during the week of June 2 – June 8.

The plan also directs the department to allow increased annual limits when a weekly harvestable surplus of 50,000 or more salmon is available in the Chitina Subdistrict. The excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows the supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon for 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.