

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-02-14

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday, June 4, 2014

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2014

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2014,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 June 9 – June 15, 2014. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 9 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 15. 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.

### 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, June 9 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 15. 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:

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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 26 – June 1, there were 177,516 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 117,100 salmon, which results in a surplus of 60,416 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 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 9 – June 15.

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:

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