

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-07-14

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 14, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 July 14 – July 20, 2014. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 14 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 20. 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, July 14 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 20. 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 June 23 – June 29, there were 104,762 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 49,507 salmon, which results in a surplus of 55,255 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 an increase of 24 hours above the preseason forecast to 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 14 – July 20.

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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