

SUBSISTENCE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-16

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. June 1, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. September 1, 2016, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes weekly fishing periods for the Batzulnetas area subsistence salmon fishery. Other provisions pertaining to the fishery are found in the Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 01.647. Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. (i) the subsistence salmon fishery in the vicinity of the former Native village of Batzulnetas will be open to weekly fishing periods 48 hours in duration from 12:00 noon Friday to 12:00 noon Sunday, beginning Friday, June 3, 2016. Beginning Friday, July 1, weekly fishing periods will increase to 84 hours in duration from 12:00 noon Friday to 11:59 p.m. Monday each week through September 1 or until closed by emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan provides the opportunity to subsistence fish for sockeye salmon in the Batzulnetas area. The plan directs the department to establish fishing periods by emergency order, and specifically states that periods are for 48 hours per week during June and 84 hours per week after July 1 through September 1, or until closed by emergency order. The Copper River preseason forecast projects a sockeye salmon run sufficient to provide for Copper River escapement needs, subsistence and other non-subsistence harvests.

DISTRIBUTION:

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