

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-11-16

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 15, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2016,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 from August 15 – August 31, 2016.

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, August 15 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Sam Cotten
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 July 25 – July 31, there were a combined total counted and projected 21,904 salmon past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 40,045 salmon, which results in a deficit of 18,141 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing, anticipated salmon passage based on current trends and projected passage, and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon to allow continuous fishing through August 31. The fishery is open continuously by regulation from September 1 to 30.

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