

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-45-18

Issued at: Soldotna, Thursday, July 26, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
July 31, 2018, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the personal use dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (c)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018:

5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(1) the Kenai River is closed to personal use fishing;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Miller
Fish and Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

Subject to the requirement of achieving the lower end of the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000 to 1.2 million Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon, ADF&G shall provide for a personal use dip net fishery in the lower Kenai River.

On July 24, 2018, ADF&G estimated the Kenai River sockeye salmon run will be less than 2.3 million fish. Based on the current passage estimate of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River of 367,895 fish through July 25, the SEG may not be met without a reduction in harvest of this stock. Therefore, it is warranted to close the Kenai River personal use fishery prior to the season end date of July 31. Restrictions to the commercial and sport fisheries are also being implemented to improve sockeye salmon passage to the Kenai River.

DISTRIBUTION:

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