

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-44-18

Issued at: Palmer, Monday, July 23, 2018

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Fish Creek personal use dip net fishery in the Big Lake drainage for salmon, other than king salmon.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (d)(1), the following provisions are effective beginning 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24 through 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

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

(d) Salmon may be taken by dip net in Fish Creek only as follows:

- (1) from 6:00 a.m. July 24 through 11:00 p.m. July 31; fishing is allowed only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Fish Creek sockeye salmon is 15,000 - 45,000 fish as measured at a weir located upstream of the area open to fishing. As of July 23, 2018, more than 18,000 sockeye salmon have passed through the Fish Creek weir and the SEG is expected to be achieved early in the season. Based on these weir counts, ADF&G is projecting an escapement of more than 35,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore, it is justified to allow a personal use dip net fishery for salmon, other than king salmon, on Fish Creek as specified in the *Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan*.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.