

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-Y-1-18

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday, October 1,
2018

Effective date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2018

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December 31, 2018, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the mainstem Porcupine River to sport fishing for chum salmon. Tributaries such as the Sheenjek, Black, Coleen, and Salmon Trout rivers will remain open.

All chum salmon caught unintentionally in the mainstem Porcupine River while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 73.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Yukon River Area. (c)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 3 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018.

(c)(7) in all waters of the mainstem Porcupine River, sport fishing for chum salmon is closed; chum salmon may not be taken or possessed;

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Klaus Wuttig
Management Coordinator, Region III

JUSTIFICATION:

The fall chum salmon run into the upper Porcupine River is poor. Based on late run timing projections, the lower end of the Fishing Branch weir treaty agreement interim management escapement goal with Canada of 22,000 to 49,000 fish will likely not be achieved. Through September 28, the estimated cumulative fall chum salmon passage at the mainstem Porcupine River sonar located near Old Crow was 11,800 fish and was well below the 2011 to 2017 average of 30,775 for that date. To improve fall chum escapement into the spawning grounds in Canada, the department is closing subsistence salmon

fishing in the Alaska portion of the mainstem Porcupine River. Closing sport fishing for chum salmon in the mainstem Porcupine River is also warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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