

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-02-18

Issued at: Glennallen, Monday, July 9, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2018

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 3-RS-I-01-18 which closed the Upper Copper River drainage upstream of the south bank of Haley Creek to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 3-RS-I-01-18 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 8, a total of 519,772 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this date was 481,232 salmon, which results in a surplus of 38,540 salmon. Daily sonar counts continue to exceed projected passage and it appears likely that the lower bound Copper River sockeye salmon escapement goal will be achieved. It is therefore justified to open the Upper Copper River drainage sockeye salmon sport fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357 and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.