

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-PU-1-21-98

Issued at Soldotna: July 26, 1998

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. July 28, 1998

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. July 31, 1998,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the personal use salmon dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River. Total closure of this fishery, which occurs from department commercial fishing regulatory markers in Cook Inlet north and south of the Kenai River mouth upstream in the Kenai River to the downstream edge of the Warren Ames Bridge, is closed effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 1998.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 21.360 (c), 5 AAC 77.540 (c) (1) and 5 AAC 21,357(d) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

The Kenai River personal use salmon dip net fishery, occurring from the commercial fishing regulatory markers located in Cook Inlet north and south of the river mouth upstream in the Kenai River to the downstream edge of the Warren Ames Bridge, is closed effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 1998.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Kenai River Late Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.360) directs the department to manage the Kenai River sockeye salmon resource for a sonar count of 550,000 to 850,000 sockeye salmon. Numbers of sockeye salmon entering the Kenai River have not significantly increased and it is projected that this management objective may not be realized without restriction to intercepting fisheries. The Cook Inlet commercial fishery which targets Kenai River sockeye has been closed to conserve Kenai River sockeye. It is therefore appropriate to close the dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River to conserve this resource.