

# EDUCATIONAL FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-22-98

Issued at Soldotna: July 26 1998

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 10  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency  
order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Kenaitze Educational Fishery that is provided for in department permit SF98-024. This closure is effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 28. No species of fish may be taken under terms of the permit during the period of closure. All nets must be removed from the water while this emergency order is in affect.

### REGULATION:

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 93.200 – 5 AAC 93.235 and the stipulations set forth in department permit SF98-024 the following provisions are effective:

The Kenaitze Educational Fishery is closed to the taking of all species of fish effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 28. All nets must be removed from the water during the period of closure.

### 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 restrictions to intercepting fisheries. The Cook Inlet commercial fishery that targets Kenai River sockeye has been closed to conserve Kenai River sockeye. The Kenai River personal use dip net fishery and the Kenai River sport sockeye salmon fishery downstream from river mile 19 has also been closed to conserve sockeye salmon. It is therefore appropriate to close the Kenaitze Educational Fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River to conserve this resource and is a necessary step in achieving the management objective for Kenai River sockeye salmon.