

# EDUCATIONAL FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. **2-RS-7-24-98**

Issued at Homer: July 27, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency  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 educational fisheries authorized in the marine waters near Ninilchik that are provided for in Department permits SF98-066 and SF98-067 issued to the Ninilchik Traditional Council and Ninilchik Native Descendants, respectively. This closure is effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 28. No species of fish may be taken in marine waters under terms of these permits during the period of closure. All nets must be removed from the water while this emergency order is in effect.

### REGULATION:

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 93.200 – 5 AAC 93.235 and the stipulations set forth in department permits SF98-066 and SF98-067, the following provisions are effective:

The educational fisheries authorized by permits SF98-066 and SF98-067 are closed to the taking of all species of fish in marine waters of Cook Inlet between a point 100 yards north of the Ninilchik Boat Harbor entrance and the latitude of a marker located approximately one statute mile north of the Ninilchik Boat Harbor entrance and extending one-fourth statute mile offshore from mean lower low water 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, the Kenai River sport sockeye salmon fishery downstream from river mile 19 and Kenaitze Educational Fishery which takes place in the Kenai River have also been closed to conserve sockeye salmon. It is therefore appropriate to close the educational fisheries in the marine waters in the Ninilchik area which target sockeye bound for the Kenai River to conserve this resource and assist in achieving the management objective for Kenai River sockeye salmon.