

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-RS-04-98

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Expiration Date: June 22, 1998 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be issued for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River. Sonar counts at Miles Lake from 1-7 June exceeded the weekly escapement objective by over 66,600 fish. Based on migration timing studies, this surplus beyond escapement needs will be present within the Chitina Subdistrict from approximately 15-21 June. Supplemental permits for the personal use fishery will be issued at the Chitina Fish and Game office and valid from 8:00 A.M. 15 June to midnight 21 June.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.590 (e),

The seasonal limit for a personal use salmon fishing permit is 15 salmon for a household of one person and 30 salmon for a household of two or more persons, of which no more than four may be chinook salmon. However, when the Department determines that a weekly harvestable surplus of 50,000 salmon or greater will be present in the Chitina Subdistrict, the commissioner shall establish, by emergency order, weekly periods during which time the Department shall issue a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon to a permit applicant who has met the seasonal limit. Chinook salmon may not be taken under the authority of a supplemental permit. A supplemental permit will be valid from Monday to the following Sunday of the week in which the surplus salmon are expected to be present in the Chitina Subdistrict. The department may specify other conditions in a supplemental permit.

The department may issue an additional supplemental permit to a permittee who has met the limits of a previously issued supplemental permit. (Eff. 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 7/1/86, Register 99; am 3/29/87, Register 101; am 4/30/91, Register 118; am 5/4/94, Register 130; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 4/23/98, Register 146)

a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be issued from 15-21 June. This permit will be valid from 8:00 A.M. Monday 15 June to midnight Sunday 21. This permit will be available to those personal use permit applicants who have already met the seasonal bag limit. Additional supplemental permits will be issued to those permittees who have met the bag limit of a previously issued supplemental permit.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan dictates that if the department determines that a weekly harvestable surplus of 50,000 salmon or greater will be present in the Chitina Subdistrict, a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be issued to a permit applicant who has met the seasonal limit. The actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake

sonar have exceeded the daily escapement objective since 27 May. From 1-7 June the escapement objective was exceeded by 66,685 salmon. Based on previous migration timing studies, this surplus will be available to the personal use fishery during the 15-21 June period.