

# PERSONAL USE FISHERIES

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1- 16 -99

Issued at Ketchikan, Thursday  
July 1, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M., Monday  
Date: July 5, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday  
August 1, 1999. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Herring Cove terminal harvest area to personal use gillnetting on the dates listed below from 8 am until 4:30 pm. Personal use permits will be issued out of the Ketchikan office for this fishery (Alaska residents only). Only drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less in length will be allowed. The bag and possession limit will be 12 or more king salmon of any size. There are no restrictions on the size of the gillnet mesh.

### REGULATION:

5 AAC 77.685. PERSONAL USE HATCHERY SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN (f) is added to read:

Personal use gillnet fishing will be allowed in the Herring Cove terminal harvest area on the following dates from 8 am through 4:30 pm by permit issued at the Ketchikan office. The terminal harvest area is defined as all saltwaters in Herring Bay west of a line from the southern entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor to an un-named creek 1/8-mile north of Whitman Creek (see attached figure). Gear will be limited to drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less. The bag and possession limit for this fishery is twelve or more king salmon of any size. The maximum number of salmon of other species that may be incidentally taken is six coho salmon, six sockeye salmon, 100 pink salmon, and 20 chum salmon.

The personal use gillnet fishery will be open from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm on the following days:

1. Tuesday, July 6, 1999.
2. Wednesday, July 14, 1999.
3. Wednesday, July 21, 1999.
4. Thursday, July 29, 1999.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to open terminal harvest areas to personal use fisheries to harvest surplus Alaska hatchery salmon. The area opened by this emergency order will allow anglers to target on Alaska hatchery produced king salmon originating from the Whitman Lake hatchery located on upper Herring Cove Creek in Ketchikan. The Board of Fisheries gave the department authority to implement personal use fisheries when Alaska hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs for hatcheries producing these fish ( 5 ACC 77.685 ).

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 207, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.