

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-04

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday May 25, 2004

Effective Date: 6:00 A.M. Thursday June 3, 2004

Expiration Date: December 31, 2004, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River through August 31, 2004. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 6:00 A.M. Thursday June 3 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 6. **Tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below.** Additional emergency orders will likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

Thursday June 3, 6:00 A.M. to Sunday June 6, 11:59 P.M.

Monday June 7, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 13, 11:59 P.M.

Monday June 14, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 20, 11:59 P.M.

Monday June 21, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 27, 11:59 P.M.

Monday June 28, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday July 4, 11:59 P.M.

Monday July 5, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday July 11, 11:59 P.M.

Tuesday July 13, 12:01 A.M. to Tuesday August 31, 11:59 P.M.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the following preseason schedule is established: the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will be open from 6:00 A.M. Thursday June 3 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 6, 2004. Future openings may be increased or decreased by emergency order depending on the actual sonar counts at Miles Lake.

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 17 – 23, there were 34,992 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 10,949 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 90 hours of fishing time during the week of June 1 – 6. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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