

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-02-04

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday, June 7, 2004

Expiration Date: December 31, 2004, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period June 7 – June 13, 2004. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday June 7 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 13. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday June 7 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 13, 2004 and during this period a supplemental 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already filled their original permit limit.

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 24 – 30, there were 140,019 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period is 45,574 salmon, an excess of 94,445 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain the 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 7 – June 13 and allow a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already filled their original permit limit. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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