

SUBSISTENCE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-03-04

Issued at: Glennallen, June 2, 2004

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. June 4, 2004

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Unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes a weekly fishing period for the Batzulnetas Area subsistence salmon fishery. The weekly fishing period will be 48-hours in duration from 12:00 noon Friday to 12:00 noon Sunday, beginning Friday June 4, 2004. Beginning on Friday July 2, the weekly fishing period will be increased to 84-hours in duration from 12:00 noon Friday to 11:59 P.M. Monday each week until September 1, or until closed by emergency order.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 01.647 (i),

- “Salmon, other than chinook salmon, may be taken in the vicinity of the former Native village of Batzulnetas under the following conditions:*
- (1) Unless modified by this subsection, 5AAC 01.001 – 5 AAC 01.040 and 5 AAC 01.600 – 5 AAC 01.645 apply to this fishery;*
 - (2) Salmon may be taken only under the authority of a Batzulnetas subsistence salmon fishing permit issued by the department;*
 - (3) Salmon may be taken only in those waters of the Copper River between ADF&G regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek and approximately one-half mile downstream from that mouth and in Tanada Creek between ADF&G regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek;*
 - (4) Fish wheels and dip nets only may be used on the Copper River; dip nets and spears only may be used in Tanada Creek;*
 - (5) Salmon may be taken only from June 1 through September 1 or until the season is closed by emergency order; fishing periods are to be established by emergency order and are two days per week during the month of June and 3.5 days per week for the remainder of the season;*
 - (6) Chinook salmon taken must be released to the water unharmed; fish wheels must be equipped with a live box or be monitored at all times;*
 - (7) Annual bag and possession limits are as specified in 5AAC 01.630(f);*
 - (8) The permit must be returned to the department’s Glennallen office no later than September 30 of each year.”*

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fisheries Management Plan provides the opportunity to subsistence fish for sockeye salmon in the Batzulnetas area for 48-hours per week during the month of June and 84-hours per week after July 1 until September 1, or until closed by emergency order. The area open to subsistence fishing is those waters of the Copper River between ADF&G regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek and approximately one-half mile downstream from that mouth and in Tanada Creek between ADF&G regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek.

The Batzulnetas area will be open beginning 12:00 noon Friday June 4 to 12:00 noon Sunday, June 6. During the remainder of June the fishery will be open for a 48-hour fishing period each week beginning on Friday at 12:00 noon and ending on Sunday at 12:00 noon. Beginning Friday July 2, the Batzulnetas area will open from 12:00 noon Friday to 11:59 P.M. Monday, for an 84-hour fishing period each week until September 1, 2004 or until closed by emergency order.

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