

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-12-05

Issued at Soldotna: June 24, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the area that salmon may be harvested in the personal use dipnet salmon fishery on the Kasilof River. Effective at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 25, sockeye salmon may be harvested by dipnetting from the shoreline, 24 hours per day from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river extending upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge. Additionally, sockeye salmon may be harvested by dipnetting, 24 hours per day from a boat from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river extending upstream to Trujillo's Landing.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (c)(2)(C), are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2005:

### **5 AAC 77.540 UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net

(2) in the Kasilof River, as follows:

(C) from the shoreline, 24 hours per day from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge; from a boat, 24 hours per day from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to Trujillo's Landing;

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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George Pappas  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal, which is 300,000 fish. As of midnight, June 23, a total of 86,582 sockeye salmon passed the Kasilof River sonar station. The timing and strength of the 2005 Kasilof River sockeye salmon return is the earliest and highest on record. As of June 23, the Kasilof River sockeye salmon run historically is 7% complete. Therefore, it is warranted to increase fishing area in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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