

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-S-1-05

Issued at Soldotna: June 24, 2005

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m., Saturday,  
June 25, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order adds a day to the Kasilof River personal use gillnet salmon fishery by extending the season to June 25 instead of the normal closing date of June 24. The fishery will be allowed to continue from 6:00 a.m., Saturday, June 25, until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday June 25, 2005. All other elements of the personal use gillnet fishery regulations remain in effect.

**REGULATION:** 5 AAC 77.540. UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (b) is superseded by the following:

- (b) Salmon may be taken with a set gillnet in a portion the Central District as follows:
- (1) from Wednesday, June 15, until Saturday, June 25, 2005;
  - (2) fishing periods will be daily from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jeff Fox  
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 counter. 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. All fisheries harvesting Kasilof River sockeye will be liberalized in order to harvest these stocks surplus to escapement needs. Therefore, it is warranted to extend fishing time by one day to June 25 at 11:00 p.m. in the Kasilof River personal use gillnet salmon fishery.

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