

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-34-06

Issued at Soldotna: Sunday, July 30, 2006

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reopens the personal use dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River. Beginning at 6:00 a.m., Monday July 31, 2006, through the end of the personal use fishing season at 11:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2006, the waters of Cook Inlet and the Kenai River, extending from the commercial fishing regulatory boundary markers in Cook Inlet north and south of the Kenai River mouth and extending upstream in the Kenai River to the downstream edge of the Warren Ames Bridge, is open to personal use salmon fishing.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-1-26-06 is rescinded effective at 5:59 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2006.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

George E. Pappas
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sockeye salmon passage estimate as measured at the Kenai River sonar counter located at river mile 19 is approximately 533,102 fish through July 29. Present escapement rates of sockeye salmon into the Kenai River, coupled with the run strength assessment of the return of this stock, now indicate the run is unusually late and that sufficient numbers of sockeye salmon will continue to enter the river to provide for the optimum spawning escapement of 500,000 – 1,000,000 fish. Since the minimum SEG is projected to be achieved, the sockeye salmon personal use dip net fishery will be reopened effective at 6:00 a.m., Monday, July 31

The Cook Inlet commercial fishery has been reopened in the Central District to fish a regular fishing period, and the Kenai River sport fishery and educational fishery have also been reopened.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order -RS-1-26-06, which closed the personal use dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River is rescinded.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.