

# EDUCATIONAL FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-35-06

Issued at Soldotna: Sunday, July 30, 2006

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reopens the Kenaitze Indian Tribe educational fishery authorized for the Kenai River. The waters of the Kenai River approximately one-quarter mile upstream of the Warren Ames Bridge, including Birch Island, downstream to the mouth; and those marine waters of Cook Inlet adjacent to the Kenai River mouth that are normally closed to commercial salmon fishing will reopen to educational fishing according to the original terms of their educational fishery permit beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2006.

### REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-1-28-06 is rescinded effective at 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2006.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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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 Kenaitze Indian Tribe educational fishery authorized for the Kenai River will be reopened effective at 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2006.

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

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order -RS-1-28-06, which closed the Kenaitze Indian Tribe educational fishery authorized for the Kenai River is rescinded.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.