

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-06

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday May 23,
2006

Effective Date: 12:01 P.M. Thursday June 1, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River through August 31, 2006. The Chitina Subdistrict will remain closed through at least 12:01 A.M. Monday June 5. **Tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below.** Additional emergency orders will likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

Monday June 5, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 11, 11:59 P.M.
Monday June 12, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 18, 11:59 P.M.
Monday June 19, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday June 25, 11:59 P.M.
Monday June 26, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday July 2, 11:59 P.M.
Monday July 3, 12:01 A.M. to Tuesday July 4, 11:59 P.M.
Friday July 7, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday July 9, 8 P.M.
Tuesday July 11, 12:01 A.M. to Sunday July 16, 11:59 P.M.
Monday July 17, 12:01 P.M. to Sunday July 23, 11:59 P.M.
Monday July 24, 12:01 A.M. to Thursday August 31, 11:59 P.M.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the following preseason schedule is established: the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will remain closed through 12:01 A.M. Monday June 5. Future openings may be increased or decreased by emergency order depending on the actual sonar counts at Miles Lake.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 15 – 21, there were 237 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 15,168 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate insufficient numbers of salmon available to allow any amount of fishing time during the week of June 1 – 4. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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