

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-26-07

Issued at: Soldotna, Monday July 23, 2007

Effective Date: 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the area that salmon may be harvested in the personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Kasilof River. Effective at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 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 ADF&G markers placed at river mile 3.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2007.

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

(c) Salmon may be taken in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(2) In the Kasilof River as follows:

(C) from ADF&G regulatory markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge: and from a boat, between ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to ADF&G markers located at river mile 3.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department is forecasting a return of sockeye salmon to the Kasilof River in excess of 1.2 million fish. The biological escapement goal of 150,000-250,000 sockeye salmon has been exceeded in nine of the last ten years. As of July 22, an estimated total of 197,333 sockeye salmon passed the Kasilof River sonar station. Department staff projects that the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River

will exceed 250,000 fish. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the fishing area in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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