

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-07-07

Issued at: Glennallen, Monday June 25, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday July 2, 2007

Expiration Date: December 31, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period July 2 – July 8, 2007. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday July 2 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday July 8.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday July 2 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday July 8, 2007.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During June 18 – June 24, there were 58,040 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 47,688 salmon, which results in an excess of 10,352 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain the 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 2 – July 8. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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