

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-07-08

Issued at: Glennallen, Monday July 7, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday July 14, 2008

Expiration Date: December 31, 2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

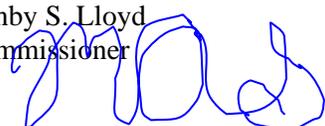
This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period July 14 – July 20, 2008. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday July 14 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday July 20. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

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 14 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday July 20, 2008. During this period an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already harvested their original permit limit. Future openings may be increased or decreased by emergency order depending on actual sonar counts at Miles Lake.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During June 23 – July 6, 98,301 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 44,950 salmon, which results in a surplus of 53,350 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 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 14 – July 20. In addition, an excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already harvested their original permit limit.

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