

# PERSONAL USE FISHERY

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-12-08

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Monday August 11, 2008

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday August 18, 2008

**Expiration Date:** December 31, 2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

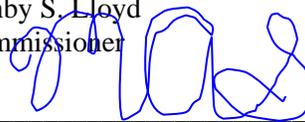
### EXPLANATION:

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 August 18 – August 24, 2008. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday August 18 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday August 24.

### 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 August 18 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday August 24, 2008. 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:

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Mark A. Somerville  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

During July 28 – August 3, 20,192 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 15,610 salmon, which results in a surplus of 4,582 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 168 hours of fishing time during the week of August 18 – August 24.

Section (f) of the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (5 AAC 77.591), states “The maximum harvest level for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery is 100,000 – 150,000 salmon, not including any salmon in excess of the inriver goal or salmon taken after August 31. If the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery is closed for 13 or more consecutive days, the maximum harvest level in the Chitina Subdistrict is reduced to 50,000 salmon.”

The Copper River District commercial salmon fishery was closed from June 19 to July 4, a total of 16 days. In accordance with 5 AAC 77.591(f), fishing time for the 2008 Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery, based on salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar after July 2, will be determined using a maximum harvest level of 50,000 salmon rather than the original harvest level of 122,825 salmon. The 50,000 salmon harvest level will remain in effect through August 31, 2008.

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