

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-02-09

Issued at: Fairbanks, Tuesday September 1,
2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday September 4, 2009

Expiration Date: December 31, 2009, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of chum salmon in all waters of the Tanana River drainage effective 12:01 a.m. Friday September 4, 2009. Chum salmon may not be retained or possessed; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area. (b)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Friday September 4, 2009:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

(b)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: the bag and possession limit is three fish, with no size limit;

(i) chum salmon may not be retained or possessed;

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Audra L. J. Brase
Lower Tanana River Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Estimated passage of fall chum salmon at the Pilot Station sonar through August 29 is 211,432 fish, significantly below the historic average of 644,000 fish for this date. With over 80% of the fall chum salmon run typically in the Yukon River by this date the 2009 run is not projected to achieve the minimum escapement goal of 300,000 fall chum salmon. Consistent with 5 AAC 01.249. Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan (2)(c), when the projected run size is 300,000 chum salmon or less, the commercial, personal use and sport fish directed chum salmon fisheries will be closed.

In accordance with the management plan, there has been no commercial salmon fishing on the Yukon River since August 5; the Tanana River personal use salmon fisheries will be closed by EO on September 2, and the remainder of the Yukon River drainage chum salmon sport fisheries will be closed on September 4.

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