

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-09

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday May 27, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday June 1, 2009

Expiration Date: December 31, 2009, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District through August 31, 2009. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open for a 156-hour period from 12:01 p.m. Monday June 1 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday June 7. **Tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below.** Additional emergency orders will likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

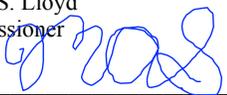
Monday, June 01, 12:01 p.m.	through	Sunday, June 07, 11:59 p.m.
Monday, June 08, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, June 14, 11:59 p.m.
Monday, June 15, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, June 21, 11:59 p.m.
Monday, June 22, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, June 28, 11:59 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, July 05, 11:59 p.m.
Tuesday, July 07, 12:01 p.m.	through	Sunday, July 12, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15, 12:01 p.m.	through	Sunday, July 19, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 22, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, July 26, 11:59 p.m.

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 District will be open from 12:01 p.m. Monday June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday June 7. Future openings may be increased or decreased by emergency order depending on the actual sonar counts at Miles Lake.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

by delegation to:


Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 18 - 24, there were 59,508 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 42,495 salmon, which results in a surplus of 17,013 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 156-hours of fishing time during the week of June 1 – 7.

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