

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-38-10

Issued at: Palmer, Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m., Saturday, July 24, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Fish Creek in the Big Lake drainage to personal use dipnetting for salmon other than king salmon starting at 6:00 a.m., July 24, through 11:00 p.m., July 31. King salmon may not be retained; any king salmon caught must be released immediately. Dipnetting is only allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. In order to participate in this personal use fishery, dip netters must have a 2010 Cook Inlet Personal Use Permit and a 2010 resident sport fishing license. The area open to dipnetting is from ADF&G regulatory markers located on both sides of the terminus of Fish Creek, to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one quarter mile upstream from Knik-Goose Bay Road.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (d)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 6:00 a.m., Saturday, July 24, through 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010:

5AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

(d) Salmon may be taken by dip net in Fish Creek as follows:

- (1) the personal use dip net fishery in Fish Creek will open beginning 6:00 a.m., July 24 through 11:00 p.m., July 31, 2010, because the department projects that the escapement of sockeye salmon into Fish Creek will be above the upper end of the escapement goal of 70,000 fish. Fishing is allowed daily only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dave Rutz,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) for Fish Creek sockeye salmon is 20,000-70,000 measured at a weir located upstream of the fishery. As of July 20, more than 29,690 sockeye salmon have passed through the Fish Creek weir. Based on these weir counts, the department is projecting a total escapement of more than 70,000 sockeye salmon. As the upper bound of the SEG range will likely be exceeded, it is justified to allow a personal use dip net fishery for salmon on Fish Creek to harvest fish in excess of escapement goal needs.

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