

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-40-10

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, July 23, 2010

Effective Date: 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the hours salmon may be taken by dip net in the personal use fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River. Effective 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2010, salmon may be harvested by dipnetting 24 hours per day.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (c)(1)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010:

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

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(1) in the Kenai River as follows:

(A) from July 24, 2010, at 11:00 p.m. through July 31, 2010, seven days per week, 24 hours per day;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Robert N. Begich  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan stipulates that the department may extend, by emergency order, the personal use fishery to 24-hours per day if the department determines that the abundance of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon will be greater than two million fish.

As of July 23, 2010, the Upper Cook Inlet commercial harvest of Kenai River sockeye salmon is approximately 1,300,000 fish, and more than 550,000 sockeye salmon have passed the Kenai River sonar at River Mile 19 through July 22. ADF&G inseason assessments indicate the late-run Kenai River

sockeye salmon run will exceed 2,000,000 fish and the lower end of the optimal escapement goal (500,000 – 1,000,000 sockeye salmon) will be achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to liberalize the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery to 24-hours per day.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.

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