

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-CS-01-10

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Tuesday, August 17, 2010

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 20, 2010

**Expiration Date:** December 31, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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, August 20, 2010. This closure prohibits all sport fishing for chum salmon, including catch-and-release fishing. Chum salmon may not be retained or possessed; chum salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and 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 (b)(2) are superseded by this emergency order.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., August 20, 2010:

#### **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  
Tanana River Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Estimated passage of fall chum salmon at the Pilot Station sonar through August 15 is less than 200,000 fish, significantly below the historic median of 428,000 fish for this date. With over 67% of the fall chum salmon run typically in the Yukon River by this date the 2010 run is not projected to achieve the goal of 500,000 fall chum salmon. Consistent with 5 AAC 01.249.

Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan (3)(B), when the projected run size is more than 300,000, but not more than 500,000 chum salmon, the commercial, personal use and sport fish directed chum salmon fisheries will be closed.

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