

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-02-11

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday June 1, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday June 6, 2011

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period June 6 – June 12, 2011. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 6 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 12. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

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 a.m. Monday, June 6 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 12. During this period an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already harvested their original permit limit.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 23 - 29, there were 221,016 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 92,506 salmon, which results in a surplus of 128,510 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon to maintain 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 6 – June 12. In addition, an excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already harvested their original permit limit.

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