

# Regulations and Access for the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon Fishery



## Fishery opening recordings:

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Fairbanks: (907) 459-7382  
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## Questions?

Call the Fairbanks ADF&G, (907) 459-7207,  
or Glennallen ADF&G at (907) 822-3309  
**ADF&G Chitina Dip net website:**  
<http://alaska.gov/go/AGTC>

## Permits and Licenses Required

The Chitina dip net fishery is open to **Alaska residents only**. A **personal use permit AND a valid resident sport fishing license, PID, or DAV license** is required to participate in the fishery. **Residents under 16 years of age are not required to purchase a sport fishing license in addition to the permit.** Only one permit may be issued to a household per year. Alaskans may participate in either the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery, or the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery in a given year, **but not both**.

## Participation and Harvest Reporting is Required

Reports are due to ADF&G by October 15, whether you have fished or not, and whether you harvested fish or not. Failure to report is in violation of 5 AAC 77.015(c), and is subject to a \$200 fine and loss of future personal use fishing privileges.

## Personal Use and Who May Receive Personal Use Fish

Personal use harvested fish (including eggs) cannot be bought, sold, traded or bartered. **Non-residents MAY NOT participate** in personal use fisheries and may not take any action that assists in capturing or processing of fish, including, but not limited to, handling the gear, handling the fish, or driving boats.

## Where Is the Chitina Subdistrict?

The fishery is restricted to the waters of the mainstem Copper River between the downstream edge of the Chitina-McCarthy bridge and ADF&G regulatory markers located about 200 yards upstream of Haley Creek. All tributaries of the Copper River in this area, including the Chitina River, are closed to personal use fishing (**map below**).

## When May Fish Be Taken?

The Chitina Subdistrict fishery is open from June 7 through September 30 **only during periods established by emergency order**. Emergency orders are issued by the ADF&G based on escapement estimates at the Miles Lake sonar. Information on fishery openings is updated on the recorded message numbers. **Verify opening dates and times before traveling to Chitina.**

## How May Fish Be Taken?

A dipnet is the only legal gear in the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery. A dipnet is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. A legal dipnet is **no larger** than 5 feet across at its widest point. Bag depth must be **at least** half the widest measurement of the net opening. Legal mesh may be no larger than 4 1/2 inches stretched. The frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand (5 AAC 39.105).

## How Many Fish May Be Taken?

The annual limit is **25 salmon** for the head of household

and **10 salmon** for each dependent of the permit holder. As a portion of these limits, **the annual limit for king salmon is one per household.**

## Recording and Marking Catch

Tips of the tail must be removed and all salmon taken must be recorded on the permit **immediately** with the date fished and catch by species, **prior to leaving the fishing site and before fish are concealed from plain view** (5 AAC 77.591 (d)). For the purposes of this fishery, "immediately" means before concealing the fish from plain view or transporting the salmon from the fishing site. "**Fishing site**" means the **location where the fish is removed from the water and becomes part of the permit holder's bag limit.**

## Land Status and Legal Access

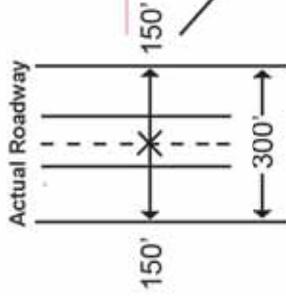
All uplands within the boundaries of the Chitina dip net fishery are privately owned. The 300' wide Copper River highway easement is public right-of-way. Lands below the ordinary high water mark of the Copper River are public lands. Public access to the Copper River is only available in those areas where the eastern boundary of this easement reaches the ordinary high water mark of the west bank of the Copper River (**see map**). There is **no public access** above the ordinary high water mark on the **east bank** of the Copper River from Chitina to Haley Creek. There is no public access to the Copper River across privately-owned lands between the right-of-way and the ordinary high water line on the **west bank** (the bank with the road). Not all private land is posted. **Please respect the rights of private landowners.**

Firewood cutting is prohibited on private lands and within the Copper River highway easement. **A landslide has blocked the roadway at MP 3.7, travel beyond this point is at your own risk.** The Alaska Department of Transportation has no plans to repair the landslides at this time. Limited trash disposal sites are available. Please be prepared to pack your garbage home.

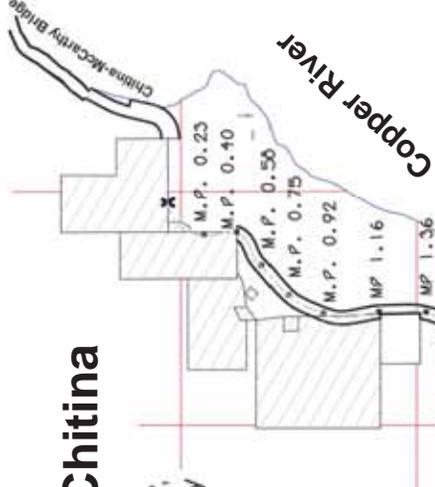


# Chitina

Copper River Highway, 300' public right-of-way easement (150' each side of centerline)



MP 0.0 at Chitina Wayside Pavillion. Mileposts have been placed at 0.2 mile intervals along the Copper River Highway.



## O'Brien Creek

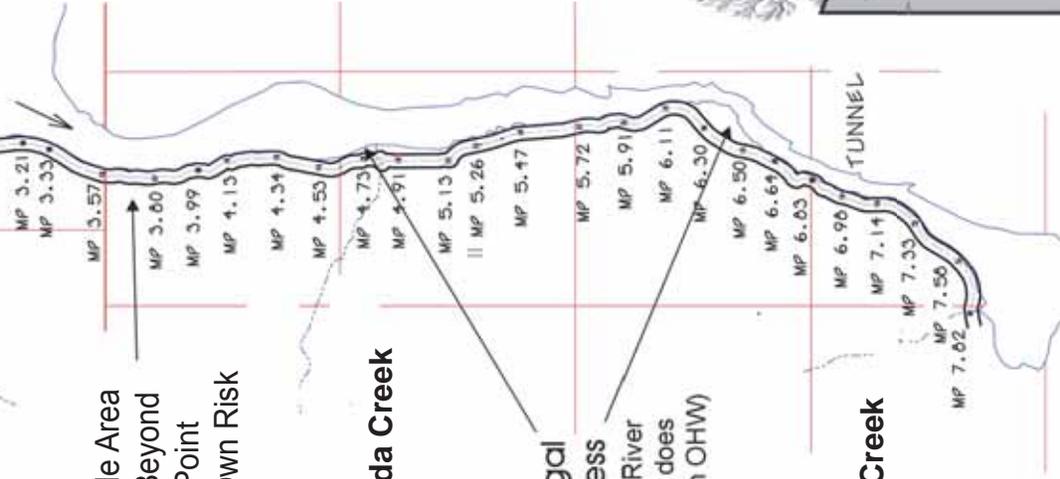
# Copper River Access Map

Landslide Area Travel Beyond This Point At Your Own Risk

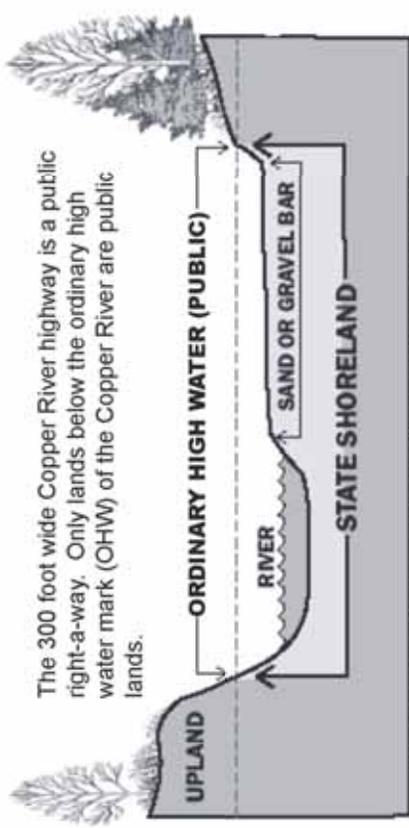
## Eskilida Creek

No Legal Access (Copper River Highway does not reach OHW)

## Haley Creek



All uplands on both banks are privately owned. The highway ROW and lands below Ordinary High Water are the only public access available. Public access to the Copper River near O'Brien Creek is limited to pedestrian access only. A public boat launch is located on the east bank below the McCarthy Road Bridge.



The 300 foot wide Copper River highway is a public right-a-way. Only lands below the ordinary high water mark (OHW) of the Copper River are public lands.

Diagram of Ordinary High Water mark Designation (OHW)

Woodcutting is prohibited. Please dispose of trash in proper locations. Limited garbage disposal sites are available at the dipnet fishery. Please be prepared to pack your garbage home. Please make sure campfires are out prior to leaving