

# THE COPPER RIVER CHITINA SUBDISTRICT PERSONAL USE SALMON (CHITINA DIP NET) FISHERY

At the March 2010 Board of Fisheries meeting, the Board will review the classification of the Chitina Sub-district. Please contact the fishery information line for information or changes to this fishery that may result from the Board of Fisheries ruling.

This information is provided to answer frequently asked questions about the Copper River Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon (Chitina dip net) fishery. For a complete list of regulations, please call or visit your local ADF&G office and ask for a copy of the publication **“Public Access and Fishery Regulations for the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon Fishery,”** available at local ADF&G offices after May 1.

The personal use salmon fishery is open only to Alaska residents. A sport fishing license is required. Nonresidents **cannot** participate.

Notice of fishery openings and general information are available 24 hours a day at 822-5224 in Glennallen, 459-7382 in Fairbanks, and 267-2511 in Anchorage. Be sure to call the recorded message **before** leaving for Chitina.

The first open fishing period will occur during the first 10 days in June, depending upon strength and timing of the salmon run. Permits will be available at all locations no later than June 1.

A permit is required and must be in your possession while taking or transporting fish. All salmon must be recorded on your permit **before** leaving the fishing site.

## DIP NET DEFINED

By regulation, a dip net is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. The maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed 5 ft. The depth of the bag must be at least one-half the greatest straight-line distance as measured through the net opening. No portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that **exceeds** a stretched measurement of 4½ inches. The frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand. □

Permits can be obtained from ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, and Glennallen. Permits will also be available at selected vendors in Anchorage, Chitina, Chugiak, Copper Center, Delta Junction, Eagle River, Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright, Glennallen, Kenny Lake, North Pole, Palmer, Salcha, Soldotna, Valdez, and Wasilla. Contact the above ADF&G offices or visit the ADF&G web site for a list of participating vendors.

Only one Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit will be issued to a household per year.

A household may not obtain both a Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit and a Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit in the same year.

Fifteen (15) salmon for a single person, and 30 for a household of two or more are allowed, per permit per year.

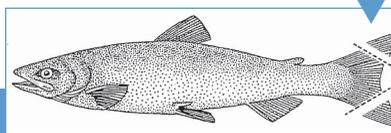
Only one (1) king salmon is allowed per permit per year, and it is included in the total limit of 15 or 30 salmon.

Rainbow/steelhead trout may not be kept.

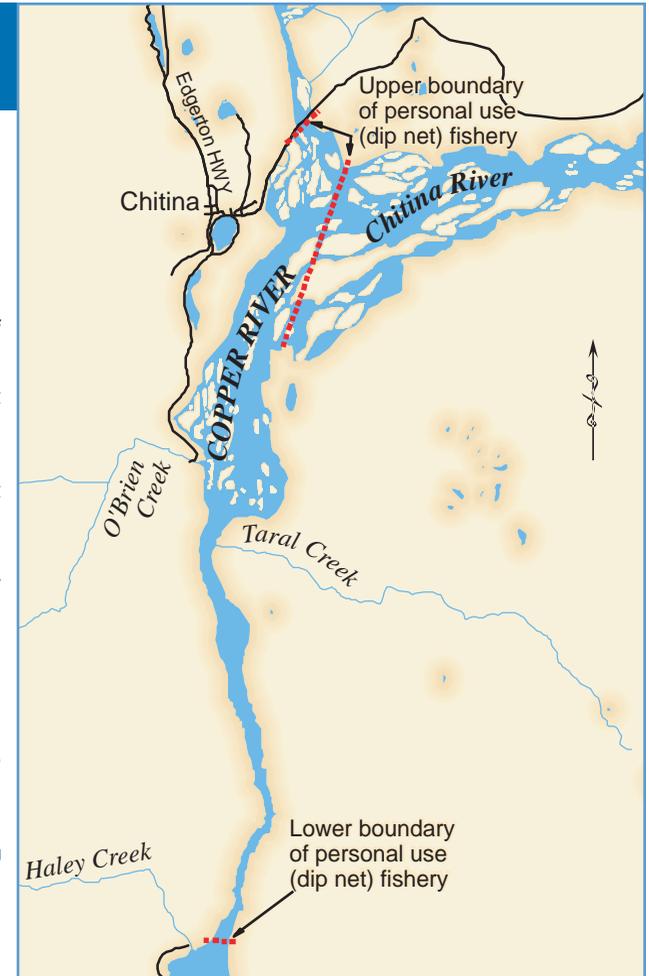
Permits **must be returned** by mail or in person to the ADF&G office printed on the permit when the permittee has completed fishing for the season, or by October 15.

A person may not possess salmon taken under a personal use salmon permit unless **both tips of the tail fin** are immediately removed from the salmon.

For purposes of this fishery, “immediately” means before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the fishing site. “Fishing site” means the location where the fish was removed from the water and became part of the permit holder’s bag limit.



**both tips of the tail fin must be immediately removed**



Most land in the Chitina area is privately owned by the Chitina Village Corporation or the Ahtna Regional Corporation. Please respect the rights of landowners in the area, and obey all regulatory signs concerning access, parking, and other subjects. □