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KETCHIKAN CREEK CHINOOK SALMON PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Ketchikan Creek will be open to a personal use dip net fishery for hatchery Chinook salmon in those waters of Ketchikan Creek north of the Harris Street Bridge and south of the Ketchikan Public Utilities powerhouse outfall from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 22, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023.

There will be a possession limit of five Chinook salmon per person. No other salmon species may be retained. There will be no size limit. Regulations require participating individuals to be Alaska State residents and have in their possession a valid 2023 personal use salmon permit and a 2023 resident sport-fishing license unless exempt from licensing under regulation AS 16.05.400. Legal gear is limited to dip nets.

All salmon with missing adipose fins that are caught must be shown to Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association or Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel, who will be standing by on the grounds, so coded wire tag data can be collected. Deer Mountain Hatchery has reached its broodstock goals, and the remaining Chinook salmon in Ketchikan Creek are surplus to broodstock needs. This fishery is authorized under the authority of 5 AAC 77.685.

Fishers are reminded that sport-taken, and personal use-taken salmon may not be possessed on the same day. Both tips (lobes) of the tail fin (caudal fin) of personal use taken salmon must be removed immediately after harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E2323.

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