



Regulation Summary & Access for the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon Fishery

Online permits and harvest reporting:
<http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>

Fishery opening recordings:

Glennallen: (907) 822-5224
Fairbanks: (907) 459-7382
Anchorage: (907) 267-2511

ADF&G Chitina dip net website:

<http://alaska.gov/go/AGTC>

Questions?

Fairbanks: (907) 459-7207, Glennallen: (907) 822-3309

Permits & 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 18 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**.

There is a \$15 fee for the Chitina dip net permit.

Non-residents MAY NOT participate in personal use fisheries and may not take any action that assists in capturing or taking fish, including, but not limited to, handling the gear, handling the fish (including processing fish at the fishing site), or driving boats.

Reporting Requirements

Reports are due to ADF&G by October 15, whether

you have fished or not, and whether you harvested fish or not. **ONLINE HARVEST REPORTING:** <http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>. 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.

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 on reverse**).

When May Fish Be Taken?

The Chitina Subdistrict fishery opens between June 7 and 15 and goes through September 30 **only during periods established by emergency order**. Emergency orders (EOs) 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 dip net is the only legal gear in the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery. A dip net is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. A legal dip net 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**. Check EOs for updates.

Recording & Marking Catch

Both 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.

Personal Use Harvested Fish

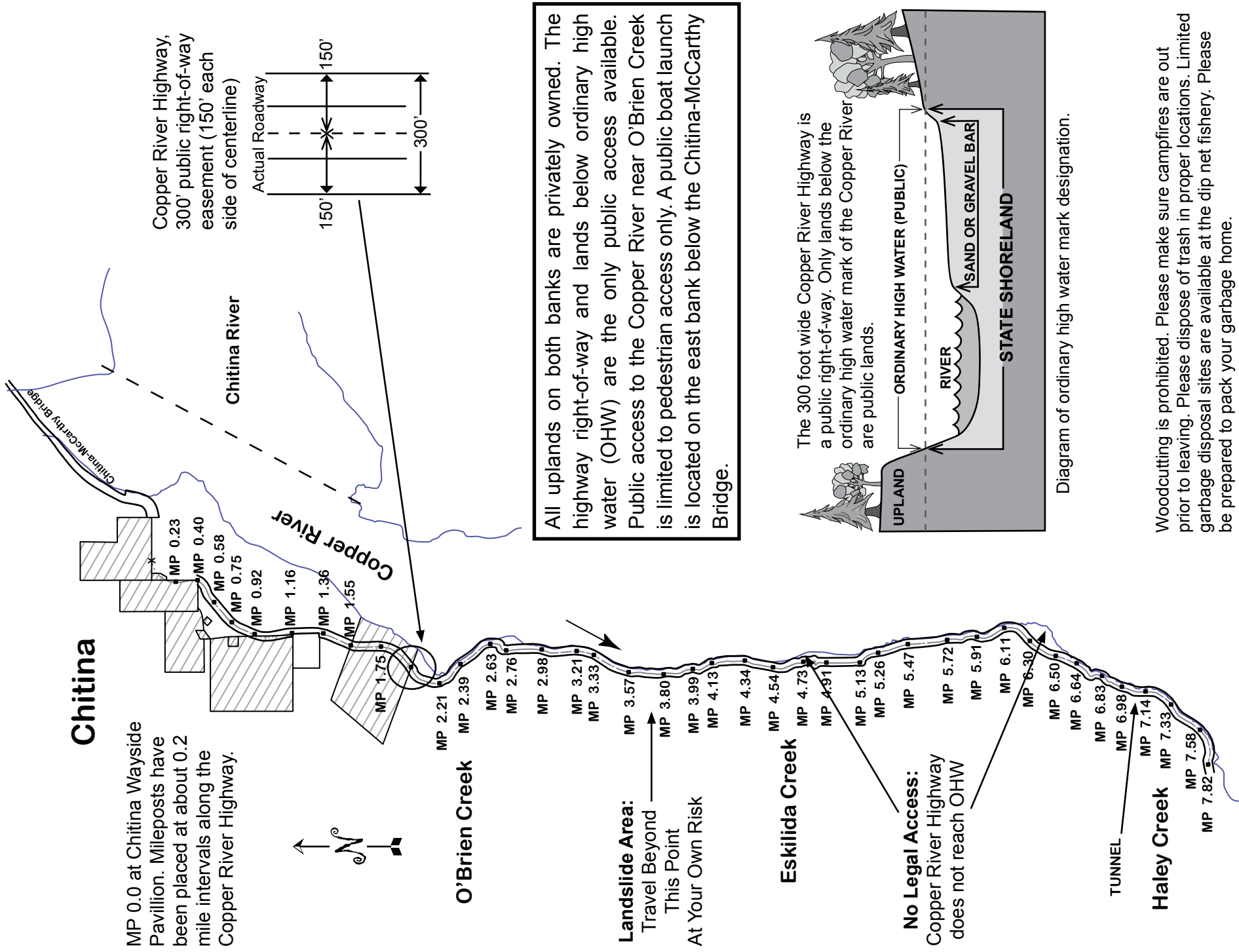
Personal use harvested fish (including eggs) cannot be bought, sold, traded or bartered.

Land Status & 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.

Copper River Access Map



All uplands on both banks are privately owned. The highway right-of-way and lands below ordinary high water (OHW) 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 Chitina-McCarthy Bridge.

No Legal Access:
Copper River Highway does not reach OHW

Landslide Area:
Travel Beyond This Point At Your Own Risk

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