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Compromise on inside closures ~~RC 61~~
and PU starting date

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5 AAC 24.361. Copper River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

5 AAC 24.361(b) is repealed and readopted to read:

(b) In the commercial fishery, during the statistical weeks of 20 and 21, the commissioner may not open more than one fishing period within the inside closure area of the Copper River District described in 5 AAC 24.350(1)(B).

5 AAC 77.591. Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

5 AAC 77.591(b) is amended to read:

(b) Salmon may be taken from June 7 [JUNE 1] through September 30. The commissioner shall establish a preseason schedule, including fishing times, for the period June 7 [JUNE 1] through August 31 based on daily projected sonar counts at the sonar counter located near Miles Lake. This abundance-based preseason schedule will distribute the harvest throughout the season. The commissioner may close, by an emergency order effective June 7 [JUNE 1], the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishing season and shall reopen the season, by emergency order, on or before June 15 [JUNE 11] depending on the run strength and timing of the sockeye salmon run. Adjustments shall be made to the preseason schedule based on actual sonar counts compared to projected counts. If the actual sonar count at Miles Lake is more than the projected sonar count, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the season and immediately reopen it during which additional fishing times will be allowed. If the actual sonar count at Miles Lake is less than projected sonar count, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the season and immediately reopen it during which fishing times will be reduced by a corresponding amount of time.

