

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-37-06

Issued at Soldotna: Thursday, August 3, 2006

Effective Date: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reopens the personal use dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., Thursday August 3, 2006, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006, the waters of Cook Inlet and the Kenai River, extending from the commercial fishing regulatory boundary markers in Cook Inlet north and south of the Kenai River mouth and extending upstream in the Kenai River to the downstream edge of the Warren Ames Bridge, is open to personal use salmon fishing.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540. UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (c)(1)(A) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning at 5:00 p.m., Thursday August 3, 2006, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006:

5 AAC 77.540. UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(1) in the Kenai River, as follows:

(A) from the commercial fishing regulatory markers located in the Cook Inlet north and south of the river mouth upstream in the Kenai River to the downstream edge of the Warren Aims Bridge, 24 hours per day effective at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 3, 2006 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

George E. Pappas
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sockeye salmon passage estimate as measured at the Kenai River sonar counter located at river mile 19 is approximately 748,773 fish through August 2. The inriver goal range for the 2006 season is 650,000 – 850,000 sockeye salmon. The department is projecting that the upper inriver goal of 850,000 sockeye salmon will be exceeded if all fishery user groups targeting Kenai River bound sockeye salmon

below the sonar are not liberalized. Since the upper goal is projected to be exceeded, the sockeye salmon personal use dip net fishery will be reopened effective at 5:00 p.m. Thursday August 3 and will close at 11:59 p.m. Thursday August 10.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.