

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-04-06

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday June 6, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday June 12, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River for the period June 12 – June 18, 2006. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday June 12 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 18. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River area will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday June 12 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday June 18, 2006. During this period an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already filled their original permit limit.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 29 – June 4, there were 289,698 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 97,207 salmon, which results in an excess of 192,491 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 12 – 18 and allow a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already filled their original permit limit. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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