

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-09-06

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday July 10, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday July 17, 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Expiration Date: December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 July 17 – July 23, 2006. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday July 17 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday July 23.

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 July 17 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday July 23, 2006.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

During June 26 – July 9, there were 131,592 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 104,277 salmon, which results in an excess of 27,315 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 July 17 – July 23, an increase of 12 hours from the preseason schedule. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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