

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-11-06

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday July 26, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday July 31, 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Expiration Date: December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 31 – August 6, 2006. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday July 31 until 11:59 P.M. Sunday August 6.

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 31 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday August 6, 2006.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____
Tom Taube
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

During July 10 – July 16, 73,258 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 62,612 salmon, which results in an excess of 10,646 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain the 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 31 – August 6. Depending on actual numbers of salmon passing the Miles Lake sonar, future openings may be increased or decreased, accordingly.

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