

PERSONAL USE FISHERY

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-12-06

Issued at: Fairbanks, Tuesday August 1, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday August 7, 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Expiration Date: December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 August 7 – August 31, 2006. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 A.M. Monday August 7 until 11:59 P.M. Thursday August 31.

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 August 7 through 11:59 P.M. Thursday August 31, 2006.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Tom Taube
Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

During July 17 – July 30, 144,580 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 74,571 salmon, which results in an excess of 70,009 salmon during this two week period. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing, the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates, and the projected sonar escapement for the remainder of the run indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow continuous fishing through August 31.

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