

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-38-13

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, July 12, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
August 7, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the area that salmon may be harvested in the personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Kasilof River. Sockeye salmon may be harvested by dipnetting from the shoreline from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river extending upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge. Additionally, sockeye salmon may be harvested by dipnetting from a boat from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river extending upstream to ADF&G markers placed at approximately river mile 3. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

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:

(2) In the Kasilof River, as follows:

(C) from the shoreline, from ADF&G regulatory markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge; and from a boat, between ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to ADF&G markers located at approximately river mile 3.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The optimal escapement goal on the Kasilof River is 160,000-390,000 sockeye salmon. As of July 11, a total of 222,974 sockeye salmon have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. The current escapement level of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate that is projected to exceed the optimal

escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the fishing area for the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

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.