

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-36-14

Issued at: Soldotna, Thursday, July 3, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the personal use salmon dipnet fishing area on the Kasilof River. Salmon may be harvested from the shore from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge. Salmon may be harvested from a boat from ADF&G markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to ADF&G markers placed at approximately river mile 3. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014.

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The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order.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., Friday, July 4, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014.

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 shore, 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, from 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 2, a total of 155,695 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:

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