

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-09-15

Issued at Glennallen, Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2015,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 27 – August 2, 2015. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 27 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 2.

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 District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 27 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2015.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction outlined in the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan (5 AAC 77.591). The plan establishes the season from June 7 through September 30, and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During July 6 – 12, there were 94,494 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 51,627 salmon, which results in a surplus of 42,867 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to justify an increase of 36 hours above the preseason schedule to 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 27 – August 2.

DISTRIBUTION:

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