

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-10-15

Issued at Glennallen, Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 3, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 August 3 – August 31, 2015. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 3 until 11:59 p.m. Monday, 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 District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 3 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 31, 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 13 – July 19, there were 95,432 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 65,345 salmon, which results in a surplus of 30,087 salmon. From July 20 – 26, there were 97,464 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 56,562, which results in a surplus of 40,902. Continued fish counts above anticipated past the Miles Lake sonar, projected sonar counts for the remainder of its operation, Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow continuous fishing through August 31. The fishery is open continuously by regulation from September 1 to 30.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357 and the

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