

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-11-16

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday, August  
31, 2016

Effective date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,  
December 31, 2016, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the mainstem Porcupine River to sport fishing for chum salmon. Tributaries such as the Sheenjek, Black, Coleen, and Salmon Trout rivers will remain open.

All chum salmon caught unintentionally in the mainstem Porcupine River while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.


### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 73.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Yukon River Area. (c)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 1 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016.

(c)(7) in all waters of the mainstem Porcupine River, sport fishing for chum salmon is closed; chum salmon may not be taken or possessed;

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
Heather Scannell  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Porcupine River fall chum salmon stock abundance has been low in recent years when compared to other stocks in the Yukon River drainage. Fall chum salmon escapements into the Canadian Fishing Branch River, a tributary of the Porcupine River, have fallen short of meeting the escapement objective agreed upon by U.S. and Canadian representatives in 4 of the last 6 years. To improve fall chum escapement into the spawning grounds in Canada, the department is closing subsistence salmon fishing in the Alaska portion of the mainstem Porcupine River.

The recent poor chum salmon escapement into Canada and subsistence fishery restrictions in Alaska warrants closing sport fishing for chum salmon in the mainstem Porcupine River.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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