SPORT FISHING *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-09-16

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:50 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

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This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 3-KS-08-16 and allows the use of bait, where permitted by regulation, in tributaries of the Tanana River drainage.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 3-KS-08-16 is rescinded.

by delegation to:

Sam Cotten Commissioner

Tim Vavant Management Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 11, 170,225 king salmon were counted at Pilot Station, and estimated king salmon escapement at the Salcha and Chena river counting towers indicate that escapements will be near the upper end of the escapement goals. Subsistence and commercial fishing has been open on a full regulatory schedule in Districts 6A and B since July 11 with unrestricted mesh, and personal use and commercial fishing will open in 6C on a full regulatory schedule with unrestricted mesh on July 15.

Because escapement goals are anticipated to be achieved, the use of bait is consistent with the provisions set forth in the *Chena and Salcha River King Salmon Sport Harvest Management Plan* (5 AAC 74.060).

DISTRIBUTION:

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