

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-33-17

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Fish Creek in the Big Lake drainage to personal use dipnetting for salmon, other than king salmon. Dipnetting is only allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. King salmon may not be retained; any king salmon caught must be released immediately. To participate in this personal use fishery, participants must have a 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Permit and a valid 2017 Alaska resident sport fishing license. The area open to dipnetting is from ADF&G regulatory markers located on both sides of the terminus of Fish Creek, upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one-quarter mile upstream from Knik-Goose Bay Road.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (d)(1), the following provisions are effective beginning 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2017, through 11:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017.

5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan

(d) Salmon may be taken by dip net in Fish Creek only as follows:

- (1) from 6:00 a.m. July 26 through 11:00 p.m. July 31; fishing is allowed only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Fish Creek sockeye salmon is 15,000 - 45,000 fish as measured at a weir located upstream of the area open to fishing. As of July 23, 2017, more than 16,770 sockeye salmon have passed through the Fish Creek weir. Based on these weir counts, the department is projecting an escapement of more than 35,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore it is justified to allow a personal use dip net fishery for salmon on Fish Creek as specified in the *Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan*.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.