

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-01-17

Issued at: Glennallen, Friday, June 2, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2015,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict for a 120-hour period beginning June 7 at 12:01 a.m. This fishing period and **tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below**. Additional emergency orders will implement and likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

	Dates	Fishing period hours
Wednesday, June 07, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 11, 11:59 p.m.	120
Monday, June 12, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 18, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, June 19, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, June 25, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, June 26, 12:01 a.m.	through Sunday, July 02, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, July 03, 12:01 a.m.	through Tuesday, July 04, 11:59 p.m.	48
Friday, July 07, 6:00 a.m.	through Sunday, July 09, 11:59 p.m.	66
Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday, July 16, 11:59 p.m.	126
Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday, July 23, 11:59 p.m.	126
Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday, July 30, 11:59 p.m.	102
Wednesday, August 02, 6:00 a.m.	through Sunday, August 06, 11:59 p.m.	114
Monday, August 07, 6:00 p.m.	through Sunday, August 13, 11:59 p.m.	150
Monday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.	through Thursday, August 31, 11:59 p.m.	Continuous

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. Wednesday, June 7 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 11.

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 May 22 – 28, there were 116,893 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 51,698 salmon, which results in a surplus of 65,195 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 24 hours above the preseason schedule to 120 hours of fishing time during the week of June 5 – June 11.

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 Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.