

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-08-17

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Tuesday, July 18, 2017

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2017

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2017,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 week of July 24, 2017.

### 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 12:00 p.m. Monday, July 24 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

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 3 – July 9, there were 72,424 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 46,693 salmon, which results in a surplus of 25,731 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 54 hours above the preseason schedule to 156 hours of fishing time during the week of July 24 – July 30.

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