

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-KS-I-02-17

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday, June 14, 2017

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2017

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Personal Use Fishing Emergency Order No. 3-KS-I-01-17 issued on Monday, March 6, 2017.

### REGULATION:

Personal Use Fishing Emergency Order No. 3-KS-I-01-17 is rescinded effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2017.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner



by delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark A. Somerville  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The *Copper River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan* directs the department to manage the Copper River fisheries to achieve a sustainable escapement goal in the Copper River of 24,000 or more king salmon. On June 2, 2017 the department rescinded king salmon bag limit restrictions in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery and relaxed upper Copper River sport fishing restrictions to allow for a 2-fish annual bag limit of king salmon. These actions were based on a greater than expected commercial harvest of king salmon in the Copper River District indicating the 2017 run may be greater than forecast. The commercial harvest of king salmon above expectations and available measures of abundance from the Native Village of Eyak mark/recapture study, proportion of tagged king salmon observed in harvest sampling and anecdotal catch rates from the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery, and higher than average cumulative king salmon counts at the Gulkana River counting tower continue to indicate the 2017 run of king salmon may be greater than forecast and that a harvestable surplus, above the minimum escapement goal of 24,000 king salmon, exists in the upper Copper River. It is therefore justified to allow the retention of king salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery.

### 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.