

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-01-18

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2018

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Upper Copper River drainage upstream of the south bank of Haley Creek to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. Sockeye salmon may not be taken or possessed and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 52.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area. (a)(4) and 5 AAC 52.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area. (9)(H)(i) and (ii), (12)(A)(ii), (B)(ii), (C)(ii), (D)(ii) and (F) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 18 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

5 AAC 52.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

(a)(4) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – December 31;

5 AAC 52.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

(9) in the Gulkana River drainage,

(H) in all flowing waters of the West Fork of the Gulkana River upstream of an ADF&G regulatory marker located one-half mile upstream of the confluence of the West Fork and mainstem of the Gulkana River,

(i) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – July 31;

(ii) sport fishing for sockeye salmon is closed; sockeye salmon may not be taken or possessed;

(12) in the Klutina River drainage, bait and artificial lures may be used;

(A) in Klutina Lake,

(ii) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – July 19;

(B) in all flowing waters upstream of Klutina Lake,

(ii) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – July 19;

(C) in all flowing waters upstream of the ADF&G regulatory markers located at Mile 19.2 on the Klutina Lake Road,

(ii) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – July 19;

(D) in Manker Creek, including all flowing waters within a one-quarter mile radius of its confluence with the Klutina River,

(ii) salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon; may be taken from January 1 – July 19;

(F) in all other lakes, salmon, other than king salmon and sockeye salmon, may be taken only from January 1 – July 19;

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



by delegation to:

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of June 12, a total of 178,693 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this date was 276,899 salmon, which results in a deficit of 98,206 salmon or 35% from expected. Daily sonar counts continue to lag behind projected passage and it appears unlikely that the lower bound Copper River sockeye salmon escapement goal will be achieved. It is therefore justified to close the Upper Copper River drainage sockeye salmon sport fishery until further notice.

If sonar passage improves, the department will reevaluate the run, and may reopen the fishery if the escapement goal will be achieved and surplus salmon are available for harvest.

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.