PERSONAL USE FISHING Emergency Order Alaska de **ALASKA DEPARTMENT**

OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

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

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Effective Date: 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict for a 24-hour period beginning June 9 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). This fishing period and tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below. Additional emergency orders will implement and may 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
Saturday, June 09, 12:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, June 10, 12:00 p.m.	24
Monday, June 11, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, June 17, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, June 18, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, June 24, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, June 25, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, July 01, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, July 02, 12:01 a.m.	through	Wednesday, July 04, 6:00 p.m.	66
Friday, July 06, 12:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, July 08, 11:59 p.m.	60
Tuesday, July 10, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, July 15, 11:59 p.m.	144
Wednesday, July 18, 12:01 a.m.	through	Sunday, July 22, 11:59 p.m.	120
Wednesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, July 29, 11:59 p.m.	102
Wednesday, August 01, 6:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, August 05, 11:59 p.m.	102
Monday, August 06, 6:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, August 12, 11:59 p.m.	150
Monday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.	through	Friday, 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 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 9 through 12:00 p.m. Sunday, June 10.

> Sam Cotten Commissioner

by delegation to:

Mark A. Somerville Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction of 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 21 - 27, there were 12,067 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 41,805 salmon, which results in a deficit of 29,738 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 24 hours of fishing time during the week of June 4 – June 10, a decrease of 64 hours from the preseason schedule.

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.