

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-07-18

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2018

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Upper Copper River District for 90 hours during the week of July 23.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b), 5 AAC 77.591 *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan*, and authority under AS 16.05.060 the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 26 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

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 July 9 – 15, there were 115,273 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 42,407 salmon, which results in a surplus of 72,866 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 90 hours of fishing time during the week of July 23 – 29.

DISTRIBUTION:

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