# PERSONAL USE FISHING

# Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-08-18 Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, July 25, 2018

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2018 **Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 168 hours during the week of July 30.

#### **REGULATION:**

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b), 5 AAC 77.591 Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 30 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 5.

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 78,761 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 42,655 salmon, which results in a surplus of 36,106 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 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 30 – August 5.

## **DISTRIBUTION:**

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