

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-09-18

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday, August 1, 2018

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 specific fishing periods during the weeks of August 6, 13, 20, and 27.

### 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 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 6 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 12; from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, August 16 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19; from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, August 23 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 26; and, from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31.

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 16 – 22, there were 83,176 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 45,317 salmon, which results in a surplus of 37,859 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 August 6 – 12. The Miles Lake sonar operations ended for the season on July 29. During July 23 – 28, there were 19,868 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 31,889 salmon, which is 62% below expected. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to justify 84 hours of fishing time each week from August 13 – 26; and 42 hours of fishing time during the period of August 27 – 31. The fishery is open by regulation from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 1 through the end of the season at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 30.

**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.