

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-41-19

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, July 26, 2019

Effective Date: 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,  
July 31, 2019, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the hours that salmon may be taken by dip net in the personal use fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River to 24 hours per day.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (c)(1)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019:

#### **5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan**

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(1) in the Kenai River as follows:

(A) from 11:00 p.m. July 27 through 11:59 p.m. July 31, 2019, 24 hours per day;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Colton G. Lipka  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The *Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan* stipulates that the department may extend, by emergency order, the Kenai River personal use fishery to 24 hours per day if the department determines that the abundance of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon will be greater than 2.3 million fish.

As of July 26, 2019, the department projects the Kenai River sockeye salmon run exceeds 2.3 million fish and anticipates the escapement goal (700,000 – 1,200,000 sockeye salmon) will be achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the hours salmon may be taken by dip net in the personal use fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River to 24 hours per day.

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.