

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-10-19

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District for the period of August 5 through August 31, 2019.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 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, August 5 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 31.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Tracy R. Hansen
Assistant 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 22 – 28, there were 48,826 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 31,365 salmon, which results in a surplus of 17,461 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 648 hours of fishing time during the period of August 5 – August 31, an increase of 42 hours from the preseason schedule. The fishery is open continuously by regulation from September 1 – 30.

DISTRIBUTION:

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