

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-05-20

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
June 24, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2020, unless superseded by subsequent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 week of June 29, 2020.

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, June 29 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 5.

Douglas 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 June 15 – 21, there were 81,171 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 63,470 salmon, which results in a weekly surplus of 17,701 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 an increase of 20 hours above the preseason schedule to 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 29 – July 5.

DISTRIBUTION:

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