

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-10-20

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 29, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2020, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

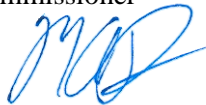
EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District from August 3 – 31.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 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 closed from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 3 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 31, 2020.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under the *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* (5 AAC 77.591) and directs the department to establish weekly fishing periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. As of July 28, a total of 530,313 salmon have been counted past the Miles Lake sonar compared to an objective of 624,709 salmon for this date, a deficit of 94,396 salmon with 95% of the run past the sonar. Additionally, sonar passage is trending 72% below daily objectives indicating the Copper River sockeye salmon run may be near its end. Due to overall low sockeye salmon passage and concerns the sockeye salmon escapement goal is at risk of not being met, a full closure of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon dip net fishery through August 31 is justified.

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.