

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-02-21

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
June 9, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2021, unless superseded by subsequent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 14, 2021.

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. Wednesday, June 16 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 20.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
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 May 31 – June 6, there were 108,815 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 101,607 salmon, which results in a surplus of 7,208 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 7 – 13. However, due to sockeye salmon passage to date being below projections and concerns over the strength of the sockeye salmon run, a reduction of 48 hours from the normally calculated fishing time, based on weekly sonar passage, is warranted. This reduction in fishing time is intended to reduce harvest on early run sockeye and king salmon stocks through a conservative management approach.

DISTRIBUTION:

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