

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-08-21

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 21, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 26, 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2021, unless superseded by subsequent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 July 26, 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. Monday, July 26 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 1.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Mark 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 July 12 – 18, there were 83,626 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 44,291 salmon, which results in a surplus of 39,335 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 66 hours above the preseason schedule to 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 26 – August 1.

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