

# PERSONAL USE

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-10-21

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday,  
August 3, 2021

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 9, 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2021, unless superseded by subsequent  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 through August 31, 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, August 9 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 31.

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. The Miles Lake sonar ceased operation for the season on July 28. During July 26 – 28, there were 19,127 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 13,482 salmon, which results in a surplus of 5,645 salmon. Based on the number of Copper River sockeye salmon past the sonar as of July

28, known Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing, and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates, sufficient numbers of salmon will be available to justify opening the personal use fishery continuously for the remainder of August. The fishery is open by regulation from September 1–30.

**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) 459-7344, 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.