

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-31-22

Issued at: Soldotna, Monday, June 13, 2022

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Friday,
June 24, 2022, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 2-KS-1-26-22, issued June 8, 2022. The duration of fishing periods in the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River will be further restricted. The hours open to fishing in the personal use set gillnet fishery shall be reduced from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., to 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 24, 2022.

REGULATION:


The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (b)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 15 through 11:00 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2022.

5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

- (b) Salmon may be taken with a set gillnet in the Central District as follows:
 - (2) fishing periods will be daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Colton G. Lipka
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

ADF&G manages the Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700–1,400 naturally-produced king salmon, measured at the Crooked Creek Hatchery weir. To reduce the harvest of Kasilof River king salmon in the personal use gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, the number of hours this fishery is open each day is being reduced from 17 hours per day to six hours per day, or from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily.

On June 6, 2022, ADF&G issued Emergency Order 2-KS-1-23-22 restricting the sport fishery harvest of early-run Kasilof River king salmon to hatchery fish only and prohibiting the use of bait and multiple hooks, which was followed by Emergency Order 2-KS-1-26-22 on June 8 reducing the set gillnet fishing periods to 12 hours per a day. King salmon runs across Cook Inlet which provide indications of abundance for Kasilof River stocks have since not improved and further restrictions are necessary. On June 13, 2022, ADF&G issued Emergency Order 2-KS-1-30-22, closing the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery to conserve naturally-produced king salmon in order to achieve the SEG. Therefore, it is warranted to further decrease the fishing time for the Kasilof River personal use gillnet salmon fishery.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-26-22, issued Wednesday, June 8, 2022, which reduced the hours open to fishing in the personal use set gillnet fishery from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., to 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 24, 2022.

DISTRIBUTION:

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