

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-09-23

Issued at: Soldotna, Thursday, March 02, 2023

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order restricts the duration of fishing periods in the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River. The hours open to fishing in the personal use set gillnet fishery shall be reduced from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., to 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 15 through Sunday, June 18 and 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday, June 19 through Saturday, June 24, 2023.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540. (b)(1)(2) are superseded, and (7) (8) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 15 through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023.

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:
- (1) from June 15 through June 18
 - (2) fishing periods will be daily from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
 - (7) from June 19 through June 24
 - (8) fishing periods will be from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Jenny Gates
Acting 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 Facility 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 6 hours per day. From June 15 through June 18 the fishery will be open from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and from June 19 through June 24 the fishery will be open from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. On March 2, 2023, the Division of Sport Fish issued Emergency Order 2-KS-1-08-23 restricting the sport fishery harvest of early-run Kasilof River king salmon to hatchery fish only, prohibiting the use of multiple hooks to conserve naturally-produced king salmon in order to achieve the SEG. Therefore, it is warranted to decrease the fishing time for the Kasilof River personal use gillnet salmon fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.