

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-49-23

Issued at: Palmer, Thursday, July 20, 2023

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Monday,
July 31, 2023, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Fish Creek personal use dip net fishery in the Big Lake drainage for salmon, other than king salmon.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the provisions of 5 AAC 77.540(d)(1), the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22 through 11:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2023.


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

(d) Salmon may be taken by dip net in Fish Creek only as follows:

(1) from 6:00 a.m. July 22 through 11:00 p.m. July 31; fishing is allowed only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Fish Creek sockeye salmon is 15,000 – 45,000 fish as measured at a weir located upstream of the area open to fishing. To date, a total of 11,595 sockeye salmon have passed through the Fish Creek weir. Based on these weir counts, ADF&G is projecting an escapement of more than 35,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore, it is justified to allow a personal use dip net fishery for salmon, other than king salmon, on Fish Creek as specified in the *Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan*.

DISTRIBUTION:

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