

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-12-23

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
June 14, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2023, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery for the week of June 19 – 25, 2023.

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. Tuesday, June 20 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon 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 June 5 – 11, there were 99,611 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period is 90,944 salmon, resulting in a surplus of 8,667 salmon and a possible 160 hours of fishing time during the week of June 19–25. However, the preseason projection for cumulative sonar passage through June 11 is 298,056 salmon, while the actual cumulative passage through June 11 is 186,544 salmon resulting in a cumulative deficit of 111,512 salmon. Based on cumulative sonar passage and Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates there are sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain the preseason schedule of 144 hours of fishing time during the week of June 19–25.

DISTRIBUTION:

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