

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-16-23

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 12, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 17, 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2023, unless superseded by subsequent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 July 17 – 23, 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. Monday, July 17 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

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 July 3 – 9, there were 159,743 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period is 33,100 salmon, resulting in a surplus of 126,643 salmon. Based on Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates, there are sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 17 – 23, resulting in an increase of 84 hours from the preseason schedule.

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