# PERSONAL USE Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

**Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-18-23** 

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday,

July 19, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 24, 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**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2023, unless superseded by subsequent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 24 - 30, 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 24 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

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 10 – 16, there were 136,460 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period is 35,819 salmon, resulting in a surplus of 100,641 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 24 - 30, resulting in an increase of 36 hours from the preseason schedule.

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357, and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.