

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-17-25

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 23, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 28, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
August 31, 2025, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery from July 28 – August 31, 2025.

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 28 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 31.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Tracy R. Hansen
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use 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 10 through September 30 and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During July 14–20, there were 82,381 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 45,139 salmon, which results in a surplus of 37,242 salmon. Salmon passage has consistently exceeded the daily projection during this period and cumulative salmon passage has exceeded the anticipated cumulative passage by over 280,000 fish. The Miles Lake sonar is scheduled to cease operations on July 28, and it is unlikely that salmon passage will drop below the projection for the remainder of the project's operation. Based on the number of Copper River sockeye salmon past the sonar as of July 20, known Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates, sufficient numbers of salmon will be available to justify opening the personal use fishery continuously from July 28 through August 31. The fishery is open by regulation from September 1–30.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 3 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.