

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-39-26

Issued at: Palmer, Friday, July 17, 2026

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Sunday, July 19, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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. Sunday, July 19, 2026 through 11:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2026.

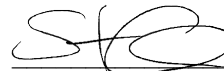
5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

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

(1) from 6:00 a.m. July 19th through 11:00 p.m. July 31; fishing is allowed only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

By delegation to:

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner



Samantha Oslund,
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 9,365 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* (5 AAC 77.540).

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.