

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-RS-1-9-26

**Issued at:** Soldotna, Monday, February 9, 2026

**Effective Date:** 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the first five days of the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540(b)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 20 through 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

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

(b) Salmon may be taken with a set gillnet in the central district as follows:  
(1) from June 20 through June 24;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
Phill Stacey  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

To protect early-run king salmon bound for the Kenai River and wild king salmon in the Kasilof River, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has determined that a reduction in fishing days is warranted in the Kasilof personal use gillnet fishery. ADF&G manages Kenai River early-run king salmon to achieve an optimal escapement goal of 3,900-6,600 king salmon, and the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery to achieve a sustainable escapement goal of 700-1,400 naturally produced king salmon as monitored through a weir on Crooked Creek. Neither goal was achieved in 2025.

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

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