

# PERSONAL USE

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-14-26

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday,  
July 8, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. August 31,  
2026, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery for the week of July 13–19, 2026.

### **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 for a 96-hour period from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 16 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

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 June 29–July 5, there were 113,511 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 60,326 salmon, which results in a surplus of 53,185 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates would typically allow for 168-hour of fishing time for the week of July 13–19. However, as of July 5, total salmon passage past the Miles Lake sonar this season is approximately 30,600 salmon behind the objective for this date. Due to low overall salmon passage this season and concerns that the sockeye salmon escapement goal may not be achieved, additional conservation measures are needed. As a result, the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net fishery will be open for 96 hours during the week of July 13–19. If total salmon passage enters the target management objective range this season (see Figure 1 below), the personal use fishery will be managed based on weekly sonar counts and without additional restrictions.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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