

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-19-26

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 15, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2026

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2026, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery for the week of July 20–26, 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 168-hour period from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 20 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

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 6–12, there were 104,437 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 54,090 salmon, which results in a surplus of 50,347 salmon. Additionally, total salmon passage past Miles Lake sonar this season is now within the target objective range, with 535,717 salmon counted past Miles Lake through July 12 compared to a preseason projection of 515,679 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon are available to maintain 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 20–26.

DISTRIBUTION:

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