

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-20-26

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
July 22, 2026

Effective Date: 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 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2026, unless superseded by subsequent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 27 – August 2, 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 48-hour period from 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, July 31 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) Sunday, August 2.

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 13–19, there were 20,634 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 46,748 salmon, which results in a deficit of 26,114 salmon. Additionally, total salmon passage past Miles Lake sonar this season has once again fallen below the target objective range, with 556,351 salmon counted past Miles Lake sonar through July 19 compared to a preseason projection of 562,227 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 support only 48 hours of fishing time during the week of July 27–August 2.

DISTRIBUTION:

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