

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-25-11

Issued at: Palmer, Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens Fish Creek in the Big Lake drainage to personal use dipnetting for salmon other than king salmon starting at 6:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, through 11:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31; dipnetting is only allowed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. King salmon may not be retained; any king salmon caught must be released immediately. To participate in this personal use fishery, participants must have a 2011 Cook Inlet Personal Use Permit and a 2011 Alaska resident sport fishing license. The area open to dipnetting is from ADF&G regulatory markers located on both sides of the terminus of Fish Creek, to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one quarter mile upstream from Knik-Goose Bay Road.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (d)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 6:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, through 11:00 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011:

#### **5AAC 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) the personal use dip net fishery in Fish Creek will open beginning 6:00 a.m., July 29 through 11:00 p.m., July 31, 2011, because the department projects that the escapement of sockeye salmon into Fish Creek will exceed 50,000 fish. Fishing is allowed daily only from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Sam Ivey,  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Fish Creek sockeye salmon is 20,000-70,000 measured at a weir located upstream of the fishery. As of July 26, more than 32,500 sockeye salmon have passed through the Fish Creek weir. Based on these weir counts, the department is projecting a total escapement of more than 50,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore it is justified to allow a personal use dip net fishery for salmon on Fish Creek as specified in the *Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan*.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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