

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-01-12

Issued at: Glennallen, Tuesday May 29, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 7, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2012,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District through August 31, 2012 and opens the fishery for one period. The Chitina Subdistrict will be open for a 96-hour period from 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 7 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday June 10. In addition, this emergency order establishes the weekly period when a supplemental permit for 10 additional sockeye salmon will be valid for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River. **Tentative openings after this period are listed in the schedule below.** Additional emergency orders will implement and likely change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

Monday, June 11, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 17, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 18, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, June 24, 11:59 PM
Monday, June 25, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, July 01, 11:59 PM
Monday, July 02, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, July 08, 11:59 PM
Monday, July 09, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, July 15, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, July 17, 12:00 PM	through	Sunday, July 22, 11:59 PM
Thursday, July 26, 12:00 PM	through	Sunday, July 29, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, July 31, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, August 05, 11:59 PM
Tuesday, August 07, 12:01 AM	through	Sunday, August 31, 11:59 PM

REGULATION:

Consistent with the COPPER RIVER PERSONAL USE DIP NET SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 5 AAC 77.591, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 7 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday June 10. During this period an additional 10 sockeye salmon may be harvested by a permit holder who has already harvested their original permit limit.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner



by delegation to: _____

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

During May 21 - 27, there were 138,877 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 83,678 salmon, which results in a surplus of 55,199 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain 96 hours of fishing time during the week of June 4 – June 10. In addition, an excess of more than 50,000 salmon above the preseason sonar projection for this period allows a supplemental harvest of 10 additional sockeye salmon to those permit holders who have already harvested their original permit limit.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357 and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.