

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-23-22

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
August 3, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2022, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery through August 31, 2022.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001.(b) and 5 AAC 77.591. *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 8 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 31:

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Tracy Hansen
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon 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 7 through September 30 and directs the department to establish fishing periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. The Miles Lake sonar ceased operation for the season on July 28. During July 25–28, there were 21,960 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 20,241 salmon, which results in a surplus of 1,719 salmon. Based on the number of Copper River sockeye salmon past the sonar as of July 28, known Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing, and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates, sufficient numbers of salmon will be available to justify opening the personal use fishery continuously for the remainder of August. The fishery is open by regulation from September 1–30.

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.