

# PERSONAL USE FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-RS-1-20-24

**Issued at:** Soldotna, Tuesday, June 11, 2024

**Effective Date:** 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order closes the first five days of the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540 (b) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15 through 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

**5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**

(b) Salmon may not be taken with a set gillnet in the Central District.

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phillip M. Stacey  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** The personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River targets sockeye and king salmon bound for the Kasilof River but also harvests an unknown number of king salmon bound for the Kenai River. Based on the preseason Kenai River forecast of 2,630 large king salmon (75 cm mid eye to tail fork length and longer) and expectations of poor performance from king salmon stocks throughout Cook Inlet, emergency orders were issued in March to restrict or close Cook Inlet king salmon fisheries.

As of June 9, only 355 large king salmon have been enumerated past the sonar at river mile 14 resulting in a projection not only below the optimal escapement goal (OEG) for early-run Kenai River king salmon (3,900 – 6,600 large king salmon) but significantly below the forecast of 2,630 large king salmon. To reduce the mortality of Kenai River king salmon in the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, the fishery is closed from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15 to 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

**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.