

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-26-24

Issued at: Soldotna, Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order expands the personal use salmon dipnet fishing area on the Kasilof River. Salmon may be harvested from the shore from ADF&G markers located on Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge. Salmon may be harvested from a boat from ADF&G markers located on Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream to ADF&G markers placed at approximately river mile 4.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 77.540(c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

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

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

(2) in the Kasilof River, as follows:

(C) from the shore, from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers outside the terminus of the river on the north shore beach at 60° 23.25' N. lat., 151° 17.98' W. long., and on the south shore beach at 60° 23.27' N. lat., 151° 18.64' W. long., upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge; and from a boat, from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers outside the terminus of the river on the north shore beach at 60° 23.25' N. lat., 151° 17.98' W. long., and on the south shore beach at 60° 23.27' N. lat., 151° 18.64' W. long., upstream to ADF&G markers at approximately river mile 4.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phill Stacey
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal on the Kasilof River is 140,000 – 320,000 sockeye salmon. As of June 24, 2024, a total of 99,348 sockeye salmon have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. Current sockeye salmon passage into the Kasilof River is projected to exceed the upper bound of the biological escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the fishing area for both shore- and boat-based dipnetters in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

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.