

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-6-24

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
June 12, 2024

Effective Date: 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2024, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-5-24, issued on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, which opened the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon dip net fishery for 72 hours from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 16 and amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery for the week of June 10 – 16.

In addition, this emergency order amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery for the week of June 17 – 23, 2024.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 5 AAC 77.591 *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan*, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 23.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use 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 weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During June 3 – 9, there were 194,793 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 104,696 salmon, which results in a surplus of 90,097 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to maintain 168 hours of fishing time during the week of June 17 – 23.

Additionally, radiotelemetry of sockeye salmon and recapture data for king salmon indicate travel times from the Miles Lake sonar to Chitina are currently averaging 7 days. Based on this information the 72-hour fishing period beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13 is extended an additional 6 hours to close at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 16.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-5-24, issued on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, which opened the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon dip net fishery for 72 hours from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 16 is superseded by this emergency order and the duration of the fishing period established by that emergency order is extended by 6 hours.

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.