

# PERSONAL USE

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-RS-I-16-24

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Wednesday,  
July 24, 2024

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2024

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2024, unless superseded by subsequent  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

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order amends the schedule for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net salmon fishery from July 29 – August 31, 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 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 29 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 31.

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 July 15 – 21, there were 102,180 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 34,929 salmon, which results in a surplus of 67,251 salmon. Salmon passage has consistently exceeded the daily projection by more than double during this period. The Miles Lake sonar is scheduled to cease operations on July 28, and it is unlikely that salmon passage will drop below the projection for the remainder of the project's operation. Based on the number of Copper River sockeye salmon past the sonar as of July 21, known Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates, sufficient numbers of salmon will be available to justify opening the personal use fishery on July 29 and remain open through August 31. 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.