PERSONAL USE Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-5-24

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,

June 5, 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Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent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 opens the Chitina Subdistrict for a 72-hour fishing period starting on June 13, 2024. This fishing period (in bold) and future tentative fishing periods are listed in the schedule below. Additional emergency orders will implement or change this schedule based on actual numbers of fish passing the Miles Lake Sonar. After August 31, the fishery will remain open, by regulation, through September 30.

Salmon may be taken in the Chitina Subdistrict during the following time periods as established by emergency order:

Fishing periods			
Start		End	Number of hours
Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.	_	Sunday, June 16, 6:00 p.m.	72
Monday, June 17, 12:01 a.m.	-	Sunday, June 23, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, June 24, 8:00 a.m.	_	Sunday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.	160
Monday, July 1, 12:01 a.m.	_	Monday, July 1, 11:59 p.m.	24
Wednesday, July 3, 8:00 a.m.	-	Sunday, July 7, 11:59 p.m.	112
Monday, July 8, 12:01 a.m.	_	Monday, July 8, 11:59 p.m.	24
Wednesday, July 10, 8:00 a.m.	_	Sunday, July 14, 11:59 p.m.	112
Thursday, July 18, 8:00 p.m.	_	Sunday, July 21, 11:59 p.m.	76
Monday, July 22, 12:01 a.m.	_	Monday, July 22, 11:59 p.m.	24
Thursday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.	_	Sunday, July 28, 11:59 p.m.	88
Monday, July 29, 12:01 a.m.	_	Sunday, August 4, 11:59 p.m.	168
Monday, August 5, 12:01 a.m.	_	Saturday, August 31, 11:59 p.m.	Continuous

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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 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 16.

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 May 27 - June 2, there were 46,991 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 111,918 salmon, which results in a deficit of 64,927 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to allow 72 hours of fishing time during the week of June 10 - 16, a reduction of 96 hours from the preseason schedule.

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.