

PERSONAL USE

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-08-26

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday,
June 17, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31,
2026, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.


EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Chitina Subdistrict for a 72-hour fishing period for the week of June 22–28, 2026.

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. Friday, June 26 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Tracy R. Hansen
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 10 through September 30 and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During June 8–14, there were 73,776 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 92,067 salmon, which results in a deficit of 18,291 salmon. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing, and the previous three-year average harvest and participation rates, indicate sufficient numbers of salmon to allow 144 hours of fishing time during the week of June 22–28. However, as of June 16, total salmon passage past the Miles Lake sonar this season is approximately 83,000 salmon behind the objective for this date. Through June 16, a total of 204,646 salmon have been counted, whereas the preseason projection for this date is 288,019 salmon. Due to low overall salmon passage and concerns that the sockeye salmon escapement goal may not be achieved, additional conservation measures are needed. Therefore, an additional 50% reduction from the fishing time normally calculated based on weekly sonar passage is warranted. As a result, the Chitina Subdistrict personal use dip net fishery will be open for 72 hours during the week of June 22–28.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 3 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.