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AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CHITINA SUBDISTRICT OF THE COPPER RIVER

SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

Special Action No: 11-RS-06-17

Issued at: Copper Center, Alaska, August 2, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, September 30, 2017, unless superseded by subsequent Special Action.


EXPLANATION: This Special Action supersedes Special Action No. 11-RS-05-17 and decreases the total number of hours open for the taking of salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River during the week of August 7 - 13, 2017. The fishery was tentatively scheduled to be open by regulation to Federally qualified subsistence users for a total of 150 hours during the week. The fishery is now scheduled to open on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00 a.m. and continue until closing on Sunday, August 13, at 11:59 p.m. for a total of 114 hours. This Special Action (11-RS-06-17) also provides the tentative fishing schedule for future fishing periods. All scheduled periods are subject to modification by future Special Actions depending on the number of salmon entering the Copper River as estimated by sonar located downstream of the Chitina Subdistrict at Miles Lake.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(e)(11)(ix) and 50 CFR 100.27(e)(11)(ix) are amended to read: The Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open to the taking of salmon during the following periods in 2017, unless amended by subsequent Special Action:

Wednesday, August 2, 5:00 p.m.	through	Sunday, August 6, 11:59 p.m.
Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 a.m.	through	Sunday, August 13, 11:59 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15, 12:01 p.m.	continuous, as provided by regulation	

Federal Subsistence Board

by delegation to


Ben Bobowski

Superintendent

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve

August 2, 2017

JUSTIFICATION: In December 2001, the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) adopted regulatory proposals establishing a new Federal subsistence fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Copper River. This fishery is open to Federally qualified users having customary and traditional use of salmon in this Subdistrict. Those eligible to participate are residents of Cantwell, Chickaloon, Chisana, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Gakona Junction, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, McCarthy, Kenny Lake, Lower Tonsina, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, Northway, Slana, Tanacross, Tazlina, Tetlin, Tok, Tonsina, and those individuals living along the Tok Cutoff from Tok to Mentasta Pass and along the Nabesna Road.

The State of Alaska (State) also conducts a personal use fishery in this Subdistrict. That fishery is open to all Alaska residents.

Management of both the Federal and State fisheries is based on the numbers of salmon returning to the Copper River. This is known as "abundance based management." A larger than forecast salmon run will allow additional fishing time. A smaller than forecast run will require restrictions to achieve upriver passage and spawning escapement goals.

The fishing schedule described above is based on projected daily salmon estimates at the Miles Lake sonar located downstream from the Chitina Subdistrict at Miles Lake, migratory timing of inriver salmon passage, and previous five-year average harvest and participation rates. Adjustments to this preseason schedule are expected as a normal function of an abundance-based management strategy.

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