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Wrangell-St. Elias National Park/Preserve News Release

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Federal Subsistence Fishing Permits for the Upper Copper River available starting May 8

Copper Center, AK – Federal subsistence fishing permits for the Glennallen and Chitina Subdistricts of the Upper Copper River will be available starting Wednesday, May 8 at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center in Copper Center. Currently, the Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Permits will be available at the Slana Ranger Station beginning Monday, May 21 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Permits will be available at the Chitina Ranger Station starting Thursday, May 24. The Chitina Ranger Station will be open 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays beginning May 24.

A photo ID (such as a driver's license) and proof of local physical address is required when you come to get a permit. Documentation of physical address can include a voter registration card or a utility bill listing your physical address.

Permit applicants must be federally qualified subsistence users and meet special eligibility requirements for lands managed by the National Park Service. To be eligible for a permit, your primary permanent residence must be in rural Alaska and your community must be listed in the "Customary & Traditional Use Determination" (C&T) column of the Federal Subsistence Management Regulations Booklet for the Harvest of Fish and Shellfish for the intended species and location.

For more information, contact the park headquarters at (907) 822-5234.

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Radio Announcement: Federal subsistence fishing permits for the Glennallen and Chitina Subdistricts of the Upper Copper River will be available starting May 8 at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center in Copper Center. Currently, the Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Beginning May 14, the Visitor Center, located in Copper Center, will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Permits will be available at the Slana Ranger Station daily 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. beginning May 21. The Chitina Ranger Station will be open for permits Thursdays through Sundays beginning May 24. You must present a photo ID (such as a driver's license) and proof of your local physical address (such as a voter registration card or utility bill listing the physical address) when you come to get a permit. For more information and open hours, call 822-5234.

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