

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-04-11

Issued at Juneau, Tuesday , April 12,
2011

Effective 12:01 P.M. Monday,
Date: April 25, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M.
Thursday, June 30, 2011, unless
superseded by a subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The management provisions for the salt waters of District 11, specific to Taku River king salmon, stipulate that when an “allowable catch” is available the following sport fishing regulations will be implemented: sport anglers may use two rods in all salt waters of District 11; a resident bag and possession limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and an annual limit of 5 king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. The salt waters of Taku Inlet north of a line from Cooper Point to the mouth of Dorothy Creek are open to king salmon fishing. To comply with the two-rod allowance, this emergency order supersedes the provision of 5 AAC 47.036(c) which states that the number of fishing lines fished from a vessel engaged in sport fishing charter activities is equal to the number of paying clients on board the vessel. The provision of 47.036(c) that limits the number of fishing lines fished from a vessel to six lines remains in effect. In the salt waters outside of District 11, the provisions of Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-11 issued on March 31, 2011 remain in effect.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.021(e)(1), in the waters of District 11 as described in 5 AAC 33.200(k), the provisions in 5 AAC 47.021(e)(3) are added, and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.036(c) are superseded, and become effective from 12:01 p.m. Monday, April 25 through Thursday, June 30, 2011 unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the waters of District 11, as described in 5 AAC 33.200(k),

(3) as specified in 5 AAC 47.021(e)(1), the District 11 king salmon fishing season is April 25-June 30, during which:

- (A) sport anglers may use two rods;
- (B) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (D) the nonresident annual limit is five king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (E) operators and crew members working on a charter vessel may not retain king salmon while clients are on board the vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b);
- (F) no more than six lines may be fished from any vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b).

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian J. Glynn
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The saltwater sport fishery for Taku River king salmon is managed under guidelines outlined in 5AAC 47.021(e). This regulation directs the department to establish specific regulations for the waters of District 11 in years when there is an allowable catch of Taku River king salmon. The 2011 pre-season forecast for Taku River king salmon indicates an allowable catch of 7,090 fish, and therefore the following sport fishing regulations must be implemented in the salt waters of District 11: sport anglers may use two rods; a resident bag and possession limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident annual limit of five king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; and the salt waters of Taku Inlet north of a line from Cooper Point to the mouth of Dorothy Creek that are otherwise closed to the taking of king salmon from April 16 – June 14 will be open to king salmon fishing.

To comply with the two-rod allowance, this emergency order supersedes the provision of 5 AAC 47.036(c) which states that the maximum number of fishing lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in sport fishing charter activities is equal to the number of paying clients on board the vessel.

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