

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-07-11

Issued at: Homer, Monday, June 13, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes waters of the Anchor River drainage from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks to sport fishing beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA (a)(2)(C) and (a)(2)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011:

5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage except the Bridge Creek Reservoir:

(C) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks sport fishing is closed
(i) from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011;

(E) sport fishing is closed for king salmon from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carol Kerkvliet
Fisheries Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

The Anchor River escapement of king salmon through June 12, 2011, was 1,405 fish. At this time we are unable to predict with certainty that the Anchor River king salmon escapement will attain the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 3,800–10,000 king salmon. The 2011 escapement is below the 2010 escapement of 2,415 king salmon for this date and is well below the 2004-2010 escapement

average of 4,906 king salmon for this date. From 2004-2010, 23 percent to 75 percent of the Anchor River king salmon escapement was upstream of the salmon weir by June 12. The projected escapement for 2011, based on variable run timing and escapement levels from 2004-2010 and escapement observed through June 12, 2011, is between 1,900 and 6,100 fish. Unless this year's king salmon run is late in returning similar to the run experienced in 2009, it is unlikely that the escapement goal will be achieved. Therefore it is justified to close all waters of the Anchor River to sport fishing.

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