

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-8-11-11

Issued at: Anchorage, June 17, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the marine waters of Resurrection Bay north of a point from Caines Head to the northern point of Thumbs Cove from six fish per day, six in possession to 12 per day, 12 in possession. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 58.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. (b)(3)(A)(ii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011:

5 AAC 58.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.

(b)(3)(A)(ii) salmon, other than king salmon: bag and possession limit is six fish, of which six per day and in possession may be coho salmon; except that in the marine waters north of a line from Caines Head to the north point of Thumb Cove, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is twelve per day and in possession from Saturday, June 18, through Sunday, July 31, 2011.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Bear Lake sockeye salmon are managed for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700-8,300 with an inriver goal of 5,600-13,200 sockeye salmon. As of June 15, more than 8,100 have escaped into Bear Lake, with strong numbers still entering the river. The upper end of the SEG is expected to be exceeded, and the inriver goal will be met or exceeded. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to 12 per day, 12 in possession.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.