

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-02-11

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday, June 1,  
2011

Effective date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 2, 2011

Expiration Date: December 31, 2011, unless  
superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the sport fishing bag and possession limit for king salmon to one king salmon in all tributaries of the Yukon River (excluding the Tanana River drainage), effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 2, 2011. This emergency order also closes all waters of the mainstem Yukon River to sport fishing for king salmon, effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 2, 2011.

All king salmon caught from tributaries of the Yukon River that exceed the bag and possession limit of one king salmon and all king salmon from the mainstem Yukon River caught unintentionally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 73.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Yukon River Area. (b)(1) are superseded and (c)(7) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 2, 2011:

#### **5 AAC 73.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Yukon River Area.**

(b)(1) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is one fish.

(c)(7) in the mainstem of the Yukon River, sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon caught unintentionally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

by delegation to:



John M. Burr  
Yukon River Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Current projections suggest that the Yukon River king salmon run in 2011 will be weak and similar in abundance to the run in 2010. In 2010, the interim management escapement goal of 42,500-55,000 fish into Canada was not attained in spite of reductions in subsistence fishing time in the mainstem Yukon River and no commercial fishery directed at king salmon.

To conserve king salmon bound for Canada, the preseason management strategy is to reduce subsistence fishing and not allow commercial or sport fishing on the first pulse of king salmon in the Yukon River. The anticipated low abundance of king salmon into the Yukon River, the recent failures to reach border passage goals, and restrictions placed on the subsistence fishery warrant a reduction in the sport king salmon bag and possession limit in the tributaries of the Yukon River drainage (excluding the Tanana River drainage) and closure of sport fishing for king salmon in the Yukon River mainstem.

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