

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-19-12

Issued at Sitka, Friday, June 29, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Saturday,  
June 30, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, July  
31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases sport fishing opportunity by allowing the harvest of king salmon of any size and rescinding the nonresident annual limit in the marine waters of Silver Bay, near Sitka, to allow increased harvest of king salmon in excess of hatchery broodstock needs. From June 30 through July 31, 2012, king salmon may be any length. Fish harvested in this area do not apply to the non-resident annual limit. Provisions established under KS-R-02-12 outside Silver Bay continue to apply.

**REGULATION:** The following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 30 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012:

**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.**

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (6) In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point to Silver Point at 57° 00' 49" N. lat., 135° 18' 06" W. long.
  - (A) resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon; no size limit;
  - (B) nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon; no size limit;
  - (C) King salmon caught in this area do not count towards the nonresident annual limit;

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Troy Tydingco  
Sitka Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to Medvejie Hatchery in numbers that exceed hatchery broodstock needs. The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to increase bag limits and liberalize fishing methods in designated harvest areas to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (B)]. The department is eliminating the king salmon length limit of 28 inches and the non-resident annual limit in this area to provide recreational anglers the opportunity to harvest these surplus fish.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.