

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-D-21-12

Issued at Sitka, Thursday, July 12, 2012

Effective 12:01 A.M. Friday

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday,

Date: July 13, 2012

December 31, 2012 Unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in Redoubt Bay and Lake from four to six fish per day and in possession.

REGULATION: The provisions of 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)(5)(A) and 5 AAC 47.023. Special Provisions for waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits, and method and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. (g)(9) are superseded by this emergency order. Consistent with 5 AAC 01.760 Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management Plan, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. July 13 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2012:

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

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(5) (A) the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is six fish.

5 AAC 47.023. Special Provisions for waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits, and method and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity

(9) in Redoubt Lake drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is six fish.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Management Plan was adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in January 2003. This plan provides management provisions for sport, subsistence, and commercial fisheries that harvest Redoubt Lake sockeye salmon based on an optimal escapement goal of 7,000 to 25,000 fish. The plan establishes a sport bag and possession limit of four sockeye salmon in Redoubt Bay and the Redoubt Lake drainage, prohibits snagging in Redoubt Bay from June 1 to July 15, and also prohibits snagging in Redoubt Bay by nonresident anglers for an additional period July 16 to August 31. The plan directs the department to establish sockeye salmon bag and possession limits of six fish if the projected total escapement is greater than 30,000 sockeye salmon. As of July 12, 2012, 7,669 sockeye salmon had passed the Redoubt weir. Based on previous years run timing, the 2012 escapement is projected to exceed 30,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore, the department is establishing a bag and possession limit of six sockeye salmon in Redoubt Bay south of 56° 54.71' N. latitude, and in the Redoubt Lake drainage, as directed under the management plan.

DISTRIBUTION:

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