

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-F-23-12

Issued at: Haines, Thursday, August 2,  
2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,  
December 31, 2012, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in Chilkoot River and Chilkoot Lake. The bag limit for sockeye salmon is 12 per day, 12 in possession beginning August 3 through December 31, 2012.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area (c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. August 3, 2012 through 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2012:

#### **5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.**

(c) In the Haines vicinity:

(2) in the Chilkoot River drainage and Lake,

(C) the bag and possession limit for chum and pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per species; the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is 12 fish;

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Richard Chapell  
Haines/Skagway Area  
Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

ADF&G's Chilkoot River weir project has passed 92,528 sockeye salmon as of July 30. This count exceeds the upper end of the 38,000 to 86,000 sockeye salmon escapement goal range. In addition to liberalizing the sport fishery, subsistence and commercial fishing periods have also been extended in Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets to allow additional sockeye salmon harvest.

**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 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.