

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-7-32-12

Issued at: Homer, Monday, July 2, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters of the English Bay River drainage and Port Graham Subdistrict to sport fishing for sockeye salmon from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 4, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. (a)(7)(A) are superseded by this emergency order and the provisions of 5 AAC 58.022.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)(2)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 4, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(a)(7) English Bay River drainage:

(A) English Bay River from its mouth, including the lagoon, upstream to Lower English Bay Lake, from June 1 –July 31 is fly-fishing-only water, and is closed to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. Sockeye salmon may not be retained or possessed.

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

(b)(2)(F) The Port Graham Subdistrict, including all waters east of the longitude of Point Bede at 151° 59.40 and south of the latitude of Point Pogibshi at 59° 25.47, is closed to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. Sockeye salmon may not be retained or possessed.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Carol Kerkvliet
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JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 1 a total of 1,909 sockeye salmon had passed the English Bay weir. In order to achieve the minimum sustainable escapement goal of 6,000 sockeye salmon by July 31, a total of 4,018 sockeye salmon should have been counted by July 1. On this date, 66% of the run was complete based on historic run timing. Subsistence harvest on this stock is closed. No further harvestable surplus is anticipated for either subsistence or commercial users at this time. Therefore, it is warranted to close all waters of Port Graham Subdistrict and the English Bay drainage to sport fishing.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.