

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-36-12

Issued at: Dillingham, Friday, July 6, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Orders 2-KS-5-25-12, issued June 26, 2012, and 2-KS-5-30-12, issued July 2, 2012. Regulatory provisions for Nushagak\_River king salmon revert to those embodied under 5 AAC 67.022 (g)(1). Effectively, this emergency order restores the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches in length or greater in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage from one fish per day to two fish per day, of which only one may be 28 inches or greater in length. The limit for king salmon less than 20 inches remains at five per day, five in possession, no annual limit. These provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012.

### REGULATION:

Emergency Orders 2-KS-5-25-12 and 2-KS-5-30-12 are rescinded.

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason E. Dye  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

These provisions are made in accordance with 5 AAC 06.361, Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan. The plan directs the department to lower the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches and greater in length to one per day, one in possession, in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage when the department projects the total in-river return will be fewer than 75,000 fish. Through July 5, an estimated 61,854 king salmon have passed the Portage Creek sonar. The department is now able to project that the in-river return of king salmon will likely exceed 75,000 fish, therefore the reduction of the bag and possession limit in place for the sport fishery is no longer warranted.

### PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDER AFFECTED:

Emergency Order Number 2-KS-5-25-12 restricted the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length to one per day, with an annual limit of two.

Emergency Order Number 2-KS-5-30-12 superseded Emergency Order 2-KS-5-25-12, restricted the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in

length to one per day, and restored the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length to four.

**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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.