

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-13-12

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits sport fishing within one mile of shore in the salt waters of Cook Inlet south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River to the latitude of Bluff Point beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012.

### REGULATION:

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 (b)(1) and (b)(1)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012:

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

(b)(1) in the salt waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N. lat.) to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.), and within one mile of shore:

(A) sport fishing is prohibited;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Thomas D. Vania  
Regional Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon runs on the Kenai Peninsula are of below average run strength. Sport fishing restrictions to inriver fisheries have been enacted on the Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Kasilof River, and Kenai River in an effort to achieve adequate escapement into these streams. King salmon of Cook Inlet origin generally have a higher probability of being harvested near shore than do king salmon from other locations. Mature (spawners) king salmon also tend to be harvested near shore at a greater rate than immature (non-local) king salmon. Therefore, it is justified to close salt waters within one mile while these locally spawning king salmon migrate through the area and into fresh water.

### 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.