SPORT FISHING
Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-F-21-13

Issued at: Haines, Monday, July 15, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, October 15, 2013, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order prohibits harvest of sockeye salmon in the Chilkoot River and Chilkoot Lake from July 17 through October 15, 2013.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning Wednesday, July 17 through Tuesday, October 15, 2013:

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 possession limit for chum and pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per species; retention of sockeye salmon is prohibited;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian W. Elliott
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Assistant Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The run of sockeye salmon to the Chilkoot Lake and River is projected to be well below the escapement goal (38,000-86,000 fish). Through July 14th, only 4,053 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Chilkoot River weir. On average, 25% of the run has passed through the weir by this date. Therefore, the run is not expected to reach the lower end of the escapement goal. Conservative restrictions have been implemented in the District 15 commercial drift gillnet fishery to reduce harvest of sockeye salmon returning to this drainage. Prohibition of Chilkoot sockeye salmon harvest in the sport fishery is also needed to increase escapement. This restriction will remain in effect through October 15th, or until the department projects that the escapement goal will be met.

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