

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-01-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,
April 8, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday,
July 25, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag, possession and annual limit for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. The bag and possession limit is reduced to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length. The annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is reduced to two fish. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(8) are added by this emergency order and the provisions of 5 AAC 64.025. Harvest record required; annual limits. (a)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013.

5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak area.

(b)(8) in the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 – July 25, bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish.

5 AAC 64.025 Harvest record required; annual limits.

(a)(3) the annual limit is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from the Ayakulik River drainage; king salmon under 20 inches in length (jack salmon) caught in fresh water do not count towards the annual limit.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River king salmon is 4,000 to 7,000 fish. The BEG was not attained from 2006–2009. Restrictions to the sport fishery have been taken in an effort to achieve the BEG since 2010. Expectations of poor king salmon runs and uncertainty over how quickly the run may rebound from recent poor returns justify starting the 2013 season conservatively. Increased harvest opportunity may be allowed by subsequent emergency order if inseason assessment of Ayakulik River king salmon indicates the run is stronger than anticipated.

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.