

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-50-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
September 11, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Tuesday,  
December 31, 2013 unless superseded  
by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the August 1–September 15 salmon fishing closure in the Olds River above the Chiniak Highway through December 31. Effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2013, the Olds River drainage above Chiniak Highway will remain closed to salmon fishing through December 31, 2013.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(1)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2013:

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

(b)(1) in addition to the waters specified in 5 AAC 64.051, the following waters are closed to sport fishing for salmon, as follows:

(A) all drainages on the Kodiak Road Zone flowing into Chiniak Bay, excluding the Buskin River drainage and Kalsin Pond, upstream from the Chiniak Highway are closed to sport fishing for salmon from August 1 - September 15, except that the Olds River upstream from the Chiniak Highway is closed to sport fishing for salmon from August 1 through December 31, and the American River is open to sport fishing for king salmon from January 1 - December 31;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The current lower bound sustainable escapement goal for coho salmon in the Olds River drainage is 1,000 fish. Recent escapements of Olds River coho salmon have failed to achieve the escapement goal, and high water conditions in September 2013 have made it difficult to obtain reliable inseason assessment of the escapement. Based on recent run performance and the uncertainty with the 2013 escapement, Olds River will remain closed to salmon fishing upstream from the Chiniak Highway through December 31.

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.