

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-06-14.

Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday, May
7, 2014.

Effective 12:01 A.M. Sunday,
Date: June 1, 2014.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Thursday, July
31, 2014 unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit of 6 king salmon with no size limit and rescinds the nonresident annual limit in the terminal waters of Neets Bay and Herring Bay near Ketchikan in order to increase harvest opportunity for hatchery king salmon surplus to broodstock requirements.

REGULATION: Consistent with the stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055, Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(j)(9) and (10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession and size limits and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(j) in the Ketchikan vicinity:

(9) In the waters of Herring Bay west of a line from the southern entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor to an un-named creek 1/8-mile north of Whitman Creek (signed and painted rocks) to the fresh/salt water boundary signs located at the mouth of Herring Cove Creek from 12:01 A.M. Sunday, June 1 through 11:59 P.M. Monday, June 30, 2014;

(A) the bag and possession limit is six king salmon, with no size limit; and,

(B) king salmon harvested in the terminal harvest area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

(10) In the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the eastern most tip of Bug Island from from 12:01 A.M. Sunday, June 1 through 11:59 P.M. Thursday, July 31, 2014 ;

(A) the bag and possession limit is 6 king salmon, no size limit; and,

(B) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

By delegation to:

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

Kelly Piazza
Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to increase sport bag and possession limits and modify nonresident annual limits for hatchery king salmon in terminal harvest areas when escapement is expected to be in excess of the broodstock

requirements. Neets Bay and Whitman Lake hatchery king salmon in excess of broodstock requirements are expected to return to the saltwater terminal areas of Neets Bay and Herring Bay. Therefore, the Department is increasing the king salmon bag and possession limit to six fish, with no size limit and repealing the nonresident king salmon annual limit for this area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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