

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-F-20-14

Issued at: Haines, Monday, September 29,
2014

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday,
November 16, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the Chilkat River drainage effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, October 1 through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, November 16, 2014.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(c)(1)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from October 1 through November 16:

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.

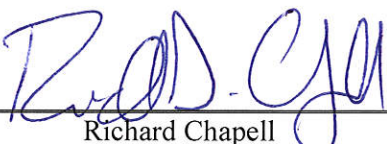
(c) In the Haines vicinity:

(1) In the Chilkat River drainage,

(B) the bag limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length is six fish and the possession limit is twelve fish;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Richard Chapell
Haines/Skagway Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The run of coho salmon to the Chilkat River is very strong this year. As of September 28, a total of 3,961 coho salmon have been caught in the Chilkat River fish wheels. This is the second highest catch on record for this date and more than double the 14-year average of 1,720 fish. As a result, the escapement to the Chilkat River is projected to be well above the upper end of the escapement goal range (30,000 to 70,000 coho salmon) for this stock. Therefore, an increase in bag and possession limits is justified under the provisions of 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A).

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-3638.