

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-17-14

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,
June 11, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday,
December 31, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 12, the bag limit for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is five per day, five in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014:

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

(b)(10) in the Buskin River drainage the limit for sockeye salmon 20 inches or greater in length is five per day, five in possession;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 to 8,000 fish. As of June 9 the weir count was 4,260 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 20% of the Buskin River sockeye salmon escapement is achieved by this date. The department expects the final weir count to exceed the escapement goal for this stock. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Buskin River drainage is increased to five fish.

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.