

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-24-14

Issued at: Soldotna, Monday, June 23, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for salmon, other than king salmon, from three per day, six in possession to six per day, twelve in possession in that area of the Kenai River upstream from Skilak Lake to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing and the Russian River from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G marker located approximately 600 yards downstream from the Russian River Falls. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. (3)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014:

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(3)(A) in waters of the Kenai River upstream from Skilak Lake to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing, including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth, and the Russian River from its confluence with the Kenai River upstream to an ADF&G marker located approximately 600 yards downstream from the Russian River Falls, the bag limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per day, and twelve in possession, of which only one per day and in possession may be a coho salmon;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through noon on Monday, June 23, over 26,000 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. Using early and average run-timing to project out the run through July 14, the Department has determined that the

early-run sockeye salmon biological escapement goal (BEG) of 22,000 – 42,000 sockeye salmon will likely be exceeded. Based on this information it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest six sockeye salmon a day in the Russian and Kenai rivers.

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.