

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-22-14

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,
June 19, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 21, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday,
July 25, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-14-14 issued April 9, 2014. This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in the Karluk River drainage, including the lagoon and its outlet stream. This closure prohibits all sport fishing, including catch-and-release fishing for king salmon. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught incidentally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, only one unbaited, single hook artificial lure may be used in the Karluk River drainage below Karluk Lake, including the lagoon and its outlet stream. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 21, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak area. (b)(9) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 21, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

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

(b)(9) in the Karluk River drainage, including the lagoon and its outlet stream, from June 21 through July 25, sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon caught incidentally be may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Only one unbaited, single hook artificial lure may be used in the Karluk River drainage below Karluk Lake.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Karluk River king salmon is 3,000 to 6,000 fish. Despite previous management actions to reduce king salmon mortality during the inriver sport fishery, the total weir count on June 17 of 256 fish indicates the escapement goal will not be achieved. Therefore, the king salmon sport fishery is closed. As an added measure to reduce the possibility of hooking mortality on incidentally hooked king salmon, the use of bait is prohibited within the Karluk River drainage below Karluk Lake.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-14-14.

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.