

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-07-15

Issued at: Petersburg, Wednesday,
April 29, 2015

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2015
Date:

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15, 2015, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION: The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for liberalizing sport fishing regulations for the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon exists. The 2015 preseason terminal forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is 30,156 fish, with a resulting U.S. allowable catch of 210 large Stikine River king salmon as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. This level of allowable catch dictates that from May 1 through July 15, all sport anglers may use two rods each with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan also provides for a nonresident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, with an annual limit of six king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.057, the provisions in 5 AAC 47.021(l)(1) are added and become effective from 12:01 a.m., May 1 through 11:59 p.m. July 15, 2015:

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

(l) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

- (1) In the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d);
 - (A) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler;
 - (B) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon;
 - (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length
 - (D) the nonresident annual limit is six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler,
Petersburg/Wrangell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell (District 8) are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when projections of Stikine River king salmon will exceed escapement needs and provide for an allowable catch. The 2015 preseason projection for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 30,156 fish with a U.S. allowable catch of 210 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

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