

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-08-15

Issued at Sitka, Thursday, April 30,
2015

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May
1, 2016, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The plan further stipulates if the preseason king salmon abundance index for the current year is not available by May 1, the bag and possession limits and other management measures for the remainder of the year will be based on the prior year's preseason abundance index. The 2015 abundance index was not released by May 1. Therefore, the 2015 king salmon bag and possession limits and other king salmon management measures will be based on the 2014 preseason abundance index as directed. The abundance index for the 2014 season was 2.57, which, according to the plan, sets the resident bag limit to be three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident angler bag limit is set at one king salmon 28, inches or greater in length, except in May and June during which the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and the nonresident annual limit to be six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. In addition, a sport angler is allowed use two rods from October through March.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020. (20) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2015 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2016:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) a sport fish angler may use two rods from October 1 through March 31;
- (B) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, except in May and June during which 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:



Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. If the preseason abundance index for the current year is not available by May 1, the plan requires that bag and possession limits and other king salmon management measures be set under the previous year's preseason abundance index. The 2015 preseason abundance index was not available by May 1, 2015. Since the preseason abundance index was not available by May 1, the 2015 sport fishery king salmon bag and possession limits and other management measures will be the same as those implemented in 2014.

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