

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-22-15

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, June 15, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday,  
December 31, 2015, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit in the Afognak River drainage for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Afognak River drainage is 10 fish.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (c)(3) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 16 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2015:

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

(c)(3) in the Afognak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Tyler Polum,  
Kodiak Area Asst. Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The biological escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Afognak River drainage is 20,000 to 50,000 fish. As of June 11 the weir count was 17,979 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the spawning escapement is projected 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 Afognak River drainage is increased to 10 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.