

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-26-15

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday, June 19, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 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December 31, 2015, unless superseded by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 Ayakulik River drainage for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 20, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik 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)(5) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 20 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)(5) in the Ayakulik 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:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Asst. Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Ayakulik River drainage is 140,000 to 280,000 fish. As of June 16 the weir count was 106,910 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 Ayakulik River drainage is increased to 10 fish.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-24-15, which closes sport fishing for king salmon and limits sport fishing to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Ayakulik River drainage. This emergency order remains in effect through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2015.

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.