

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-52-15

Issued at: Palmer, Monday, August 3, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2015

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December 31, 2015, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of sockeye salmon while sport fishing in Larson Creek and within one-quarter mile of its confluence with the Talkeetna River, beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (4) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2015, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2015:

5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

(4) the Larson Creek drainage and all waters within one-quarter mile of its confluence with the Talkeetna River are closed to sport fishing for king salmon and the retention of sockeye salmon; sockeye salmon may not be retained or possessed and any sockeye salmon caught must be released immediately; the Larson Creek drainage upstream of an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one-quarter mile upstream of its confluence with the Talkeetna River is closed to sport fishing for all salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for sockeye salmon in Larson Creek is 15,000—50,000 fish. The weir count through August 2 was 5,020 fish and based on historical run timing, approximately 60 percent of

the run has historically passed upstream of the weir. Even using a projected run timing of 5 days late, the projected escapement is less than what is required to achieve the escapement goal. Therefore, prohibiting harvest of sockeye salmon in the Larson Creek drainage is warranted.

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.