

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-21-15

Issued at: Homer, Thursday, June 11, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2015

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superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-04-15 issued February 19, 2015 which extended the closed saltwater area surrounding the Anchor River mouth and the special harvest areas through July 15. The affected waters surround the Anchor River mouth and the special harvest areas north to 59° 52.98' N. located approximately one mile south of Stariski Creek and south to Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.). The preseason actions that restricted gear, and establish a combined annual limit of two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length for fish harvested in the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River and all marine waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River to the latitude of Bluff Point will remain in effect. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday July 1, 2015 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-04-15 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carol Kerkvliet
Fisheries Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Anchor River king salmon is 3,800–10,000 fish. Through June 10, cumulative king salmon escapement was 4,074 fish. Historically approximately 45% of the run has passed upstream of the weir by this date projecting an escapement of approximately 9,000 king salmon. There are indications that 2015 run timing may be earlier than average. After considering a potential harvest of 250 king salmon resulting from this action, even the most conservative projections using the earliest run timing indicate the spawning escapement will be well within the SEG. Therefore it is warranted to allow sport fishing in saltwater areas surrounding the mouth beginning July 1.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-7-21-15 rescinds Emergency Order 2-KS-7-04-15 issued February 19, 2015 which extended the closed saltwater area surrounding the Anchor River mouth and the special harvest areas through July 15.

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-03-15 establishes a combined annual limit of two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length for fish harvested in the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River and all marine waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N. lat.) to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.). This emergency order remains in effect through July 15, 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.