

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-04-16

Issued at Juneau, Monday, April 4,
2016

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday,
Date: April 15, 2016

Expiration Date: Thursday, June 30, 2016 at
11:59 p.m. unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the king salmon bag and possession limit in the marine waters of District 11 and District 15 south of Sherman Rock, to one fish, and prohibits king salmon fishing in upper Taku Inlet from April 15 through June 30.

REGULATION:

This emergency order supersedes 5AAC 47.021. (e)(2) and adds the following provisions:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the waters of District 11, as described in 5AAC 33.200(k)

(4) the resident and nonresident bag and possession limit is 1 king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;

(A) in the waters north of a line from Cooper Point to the mouth of Dorothy Creek, king salmon may be taken only from July 1 – April 14.

(l) In the waters of District 15, north of the latitude of Little Island Light and south of the latitude of Sherman Rock, as described in 5 AAC 33.200(o) as Section 15B and 15C, the resident and nonresident bag and possession limit is 1 king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Daniel J. Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION

Taku River king salmon production is low at this time. The 2016 preseason forecast for the total terminal run indicates the lower end of the escapement goal is unlikely to be met unless harvests of Taku River king salmon are reduced. The current regional bag limits, set under the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055), are not appropriate in areas where local king salmon stocks are in a period of low productivity; therefore, the king salmon bag and possession limit is being reduced to one fish in District 11, and in District 15 south of Sherman Rock.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.