SPORT FISHING Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-27-16	Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, June 30, 2016
Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2016	Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2016, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency closes the Pasagshak River drainage to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(12) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2 through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2016:

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

(b)(12) the Pasagshak River drainage is closed to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

	Sam Cotten, Commissioner
By delegation to:	Tyler Polum, Kodiak Area Asst, Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Pasagshak River drainage is 3,000 fish. As of June 29, the weir count was 373 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the department is projecting this goal will not be achieved. Therefore, sport fishing for sockeye salmon in the Pasagshak River drainage is closed until further notice. Harvest opportunity may be allowed by subsequent emergency order if weir counts of Pasagshak River sockeye salmon improve and indicate the escapement goal will be achieved.

DISTRIBUTION:

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