

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-19-17

Issued at Soldotna: Friday, June 23, 2017

Effective Date: 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2017, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. (1)(D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2017.

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the middle section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(1)(D) from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24 through July 14, 2017 the Russian River Sanctuary, including waters upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers located just downstream of the ferry crossing on the Kenai River to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing (including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth) and the Russian River from its mouth upstream 100 yards to ADF&G regulatory markers is open to sport fishing.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian Marston
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through Thursday, June 22, approximately 14,911 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. Average run timing to this date is 30%. The department estimates that the escapement will be approximately 49,000 fish and the early-run sockeye salmon biological escapement goal (BEG) of 22,000 - 42,000 sockeye salmon will be exceeded. Based on this information it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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