

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-07-18

Issued at Ketchikan, Monday,
April 23, 2018

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
Date: May 15, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July
31, 2018 unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order liberalizes regulations in three Ketchikan designated terminal harvest areas to target hatchery king salmon returning to the Neets Bay Hatchery, Deer Mountain Hatchery, Whitman Lake Hatchery and the Carroll Inlet remote release site.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(j)(10), (11), (12) and (13) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 15 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday July 31, 2018:

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

(j) in the Ketchikan vicinity:

(10) In the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the eastern most tip of Bug Island from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 15 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018:

- (A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) from May 15 through June 14, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

(11) In the waters of Thomas Basin seaward of the Stedman Street Bridge to the breakwater from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 15 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018:

- (A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) from May 15 through June 14, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

(12) In the waters of George and Carroll Inlets north of the latitude of Mountain Point at 55°17.57 N. lat., and south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00 N. lat., from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 15 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018:

- (A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) from May 15 through June 14, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

(13) in the waters of Herring Bay west of a line from the southernmost entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor at 55°19.110' N. lat., 131°31.187' W. long. to ADF&G markers located ½ mile north of Whitman Creek (signed and painted rocks) at 55°20.125' N. lat., 131°30.126' W. long., to the fresh/salt water boundary signs located at the mouth of Herring Cove Creek from 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018;

- (A) the bag and possession limit is three king salmon, with no size limit; and,
- (B) king salmon harvested in the terminal harvest area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Reppert
Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to increase sport bag and possession limits and modify annual limits for hatchery king salmon in terminal harvest areas when escapement is expected to be in excess of the broodstock requirements. King salmon in excess of broodstock requirements are expected to return to the Neets Bay Hatchery, Deer Mountain Hatchery, Whitman Lake Hatchery and Carroll Inlet remote release site. Therefore, the department is providing opportunity for anglers to target hatchery king salmon in the saltwater terminal areas adjacent to these locations. The terminal harvest area regulations provided for under the Herring Bay Management Plan are being implemented more conservatively to protect wild king salmon stocks transiting the Ketchikan area.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-18 establishes areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan; these actions are being taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty and are not affected by this emergency order.

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