

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-04-18

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, April 3,  
2018.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday,  
April 5, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 3,  
2019 unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-18, issued March 30, 2018, and established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery. This emergency order does not supersede Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-18, issued March 29, 2018, that established conservative king salmon regulations to reduce harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon in the Haines/Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell, and Ketchikan areas. The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2018 season is 1.07, which, according to the plan, prescribes that the bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the king salmon annual harvest limit for nonresident anglers will be three fish from January 1-June 30, and one fish July 1-December 31. Any king salmon harvested during the earlier time period will apply toward the later time period. In addition, a resident sport angler may use two rods from October through March.

**REGULATION:** Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-18 is rescinded, and consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2018. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

**5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(19) king salmon:

- (A) The bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) From January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the three fish annual harvest limit;
- (C) From July 1 through December 31, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in

length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the one fish annual harvest limit;

- (D) From October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon;

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Bob Chadwick  
Regional Management Coordinator  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2018 season is 1.07. At this abundance index level, the plan specifies a bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident annual limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length from January 1 – June 30; a nonresident annual limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length from July 1 – December 31, and any king salmon harvested from January 1 – June 30 by a nonresident will apply towards the one fish annual limit; and the opportunity for resident anglers to use two rods from October through March. Management actions are being taken across all Southeast Alaska fisheries, including sport, commercial, personal use, and subsistence, to reduce harvest of wild king salmon.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-18 established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit as per the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management plan based on the 2017 abundance index is rescinded by this emergency order.

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.

**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, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5551.