

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-08-18

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, March 1, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
August 1, 2018, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in the entire Monashka Creek drainage and in the waters of Monashka Bay shoreward of a straight line extending from Miller Point to Termination Point. This closure prohibits all sport fishing for king salmon, including catch-and-release fishing. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught incidentally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used in the waters of Monashka Creek which otherwise remain open to sport fishing.

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) and 5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. (g) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order these provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2018, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

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

(b)(12) in the Monashka Creek drainage and the marine waters of Monashka Bay shoreward of a straight line extending from Spruce Cape to Termination Point, sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught incidentally be may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

(g) Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used in the Monashka Creek drainage.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Monashka Creek drainage supports an enhanced run of king salmon used by the department as a broodstock to provide annual releases of hatchery king salmon into Monashka Creek and three other streams located on the Kodiak road system. Since 2011, there have been inadequate numbers of adult king salmon available from Monashka Creek for an egg take. In order to ensure broodstock needs of the enhancement project are met to sustain future king salmon fishing opportunities on the Kodiak road system, the department has determined it is necessary to close the 2018 sport fishery in the Monashka Creek drainage and Monashka Bay. Harvest opportunity may be restored by subsequent emergency order if king salmon returns to Monashka Creek indicate that broodstock collection goals will be achieved.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.