

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-21-18

Issued at Soldotna: Monday, June 18, 2018

Effective Date: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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. (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 19 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018.

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.

(10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:

- (A) From June 19 through April 30 the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph (4)(D) of this section, is open to sport fishing, except sockeye salmon may be taken only from June 19 through July 14, 2018.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Miller
Cook Inlet Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

Through Sunday, June 17, 2018, approximately 7,759 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. Average run timing to this date is 15%. ADF&G estimates that the early-run sockeye salmon biological escapement goal of 22,000-42,000 sockeye salmon will be met. 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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