

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-16-18

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, June 14, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018

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December 31, 2018, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Buskin River drainage to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(13) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 16 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

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

(b)(13) the Buskin River drainage is closed to sport fishing for sockeye salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 to 8,000 fish. As of June 12, 2018, the weir count was 44 sockeye salmon, which is the lowest count on record for Buskin River sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 35% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to fall below the escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to close the sockeye salmon sport fishery in an effort to achieve the escapement goal.

DISTRIBUTION:

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