

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-50-18

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, August 3, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018

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December 31, 2018 unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon 16 inches or longer, other than king salmon, from three per day and three in possession to six per day and twelve in possession in all portions of the Kasilof River open to salmon fishing. No more than two salmon per day and two in possession may be coho salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area (a)(8)(E) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2018.

5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area

- (a)(8) Kasilof River drainage, excluding Crooked Creek and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries;
(E) salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit is six fish per day, twelve in possession, of which two per day and in possession may be coho salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Miller
Cook Inlet Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal on the Kasilof River is 160,000-340,000 sockeye salmon. As of August 2, 2018, a total of 316,500 sockeye salmon have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. The current escapement level of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate that is projected to exceed the biological escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for the Kasilof River sockeye salmon sport fishery.

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.