

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-24-19

Issued at: Yakutat, Monday, July 22,  
2019.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday,  
Date: July 24, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,  
December 31, 2019 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-20-19, issued June 27, 2019. The bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon on the Situk, Lost, and Ahrnklin River drainages is three fish daily and six in possession.

**REGULATION:** Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-20-19 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Matt Catterson  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 30,000 to 70,000 sockeye salmon, with a management target of 50,000 sockeye salmon. As of July 21, 2019, 42,780 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir. Average run timing for Situk River sockeye salmon indicates that 20% of the run is still to come, and the management target will be reached. Restoring the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits to those in regulation will provide harvest opportunity for anglers without jeopardizing achievement of the escapement goal.

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