

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-33-19

Issued at: Dillingham, Monday, July 8, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2019

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December 31, 2019, unless superseded by  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon from five to ten fish in all waters of the Naknek River drainage. The bag and possession limit for other salmon, except king and sockeye salmon, remains at 5 fish. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limit for sockeye salmon.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (d) (1) (C) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

#### **5AAC 67.022. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.**

(d) In the Naknek River drainage, the following special provisions apply:

(1) in the Naknek River drainage, unless otherwise specified in this subsection,

(C) the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is ten fish; the bag and possession limit for other salmon, other than king salmon, is five fish;

Douglas Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Lee K. Borden

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### JUSTIFICATION:

Through July 7, 2019, approximately 1.01 million sockeye salmon have been counted at the Naknek River tower and increasing projections likely to exceed the escapement goal under normal fishing have been dampened by increased opportunity for the commercial fleet. Therefore, it is justified to liberate sport fishery opportunity for sockeye salmon in the Naknek River.

### 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 and

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