

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-26-19

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, June 27, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2019 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, from 2 fish to 5 fish per day.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(12) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 28 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2017:

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

(b)(12) in the Buskin River drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is five fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
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 26, 2019, the weir count was 7,114 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the spawning escapement is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal for this stock. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003

(2)(A), the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the Buskin River drainage is increased to 5 fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

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