

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-05-20

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, February 11,
2020.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday,
Date: February 12, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
March 31, 2021 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-20, issued December 30, 2019, that established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2020 season prior to the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE being finalized. The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2020 season is 4.83, which, according to the plan, prescribes that the bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident king salmon total harvest limit will be three fish from January 1-June 30, two fish from July 1-July 7, and one fish from July 8-December 31. Any king salmon harvested during the earlier time periods will apply toward the later time period's harvest limit. From October 1 through March 31, a resident sport angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon. In addition, a resident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length will be established for the inside waters that were closed to the retention of king salmon once they open by subsequent emergency order.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2020. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's total annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

- (C) from July 1 through July 7, a nonresident's total annual harvest limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (D) from July 8 through December 31, a nonresident's total harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 7 will apply towards the one fish total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (E) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon, a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2020 season is 4.83 which equates to 37,900 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. To address the implementation of the new treaty agreement which includes provisions to reduce the Alaska harvest ceiling the following year if the Alaska harvest ceiling is exceeded, the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery will be conservatively managed for a total king salmon treaty harvest of 37,120 fish.

The Southeast Alaska king salmon fishery will be monitored inseason and management action will be taken if needed to keep the sport fishery within the sport allocation.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5551.