

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-16-21

Issued at: Juneau, June 17, 2021.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday,
June 21, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
March 31, 2022, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-04-21, issued March 2, 2021, 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 2021 season based on the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll catch per unit effort (CPUE). The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and nonresident annual limits, and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE.

The Southeast Alaska sport king salmon fishery is estimated to be significantly above its treaty allocation in 2021 due to a greater king salmon harvest per unit effort (HPUE) in the sport fishery than anticipated. This emergency order establishes a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident harvest limit of three king salmon 28 inches in length from January 1 through June 30; two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from July 1 through July 7; and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length July 8 through December 31. In addition, a resident may use two rods from October through March.

These new regulations are being enacted to keep the sport fishery from exceeding its allocation.

REGULATION: Consistent with objectives within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (21) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2021. 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.

(21) king salmon:

- (A) resident bag and possession limit of two fish, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) nonresident bag and possession limit of one fish, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's total harvest limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (D) from July 1 through July 7, a nonresident's total harvest limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through

June 30 will apply toward the two fish total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

- (E) 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 the nonresident from January 1 through July 7 will apply toward the one fish total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (F) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish 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: Due to a greater than anticipated king salmon HPUE in the sport fishery without modification to current regulations, the 2021 sport harvest of treaty king salmon is projected to be 41,360 – 50,550, approximately 3,460 – 12,650 fish above the sport fishery allocation of 37,900. Implementation of these more restrictive king salmon regulations is estimated to result in a 2021 sport harvest of approximately 34,710 – 42,430 treaty king salmon which would likely not exceed the sport allocation of treaty king salmon.

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

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-04-21, issued March 2, 2021, is rescinded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-21 issued June 17, 2021, which established king salmon nonretention areas in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks remains in effect.

Emergency Orders 1-KS-A-09-21, 1-KS-E-11-21 and 1-KS-C-12-21 issued May 3, 2021; and Emergency Order 1-KS-A-14-21 issued June 9, 2021, which established designated sport terminal areas, in the Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell and Ketchikan management areas to provide Alaska hatchery king salmon harvest opportunity while protecting wild Alaska king salmon remain in effect.

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