

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-35-22

Issued at Soldotna: Monday, June 20, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 22 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022.

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:

- (A) from June 22 – April 30, the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph (4)(D) of this section, is open to sport fishing, except sockeye salmon may be taken only from June 22 – July 14;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Colton Lipka
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through June 19, 2022, approximately 9,157 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. ADF&G estimates that the early-run Russian River sockeye salmon biological escapement goal of 22,000 - 42,000 sockeye salmon will be met based on projections of escapement from the Kenai River mile 13.7 sonar and the Russian River weir. Based on this information and consistent with 5 AAC 57.150. *Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*, it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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