

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-03-23

Issued at: Petersburg, Wednesday,
March 8, 2023.

**Effective
Date:** 12:01 a.m. Friday,
March 10, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
April 30, 2024 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-22, issued July 1, 2022, that established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident annual limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery. This action implements the management prescriptions called for within the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055) when the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is not available by February 1. The 2022 regulations continue to be in effect during the 2023 season unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.055. *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2023. 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.

(19) king salmon:

- (A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) from January 1 through June 30, the nonresident annual 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 15, the nonresident annual limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply to the two fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (E) from July 16 through December 31, the nonresident annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply to the one fish annual 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:

Patrick Fowler
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 provides management prescriptions based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE which corresponds to the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery. Due to changes in the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is no longer used as a metric for determining the Alaska all-gear catch limit and the resulting domestic allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery. The Alaska all-gear catch limit for the 2023 season will not be available until early April. In accordance with the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, regulations issued for the 2022 season continue to apply until the time when the Alaska all-gear catch limit is determined. An adjustment to the sport fishing regulations to align with the 2023 allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery may be required at that time.

The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2022 season was 7.02 which equates to 49,300 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. This emergency order implements the management prescriptions called for when the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is less than 8.7 and equal to or greater than 6.0. In accordance with the *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeast Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060) the sport fishery will not be managed inseason to achieve the sport allocation of 49,300 king salmon.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-22 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit is superseded by this emergency order.

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.