

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-06-23

Issued at: Sitka, Tuesday, April
25, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday,
June 1, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order provides sport fishing opportunity in the saltwater area near Hidden Falls Hatchery to target hatchery king salmon returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(11) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(11) the waters of Chatham Strait, within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N. lat., north of 57°06.76' N. lat., and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. lat., 134°49.94' W. long. to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. lat., 134°45.37' W. long.,

- (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) the nonresident annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jake Wieliczkiwicz
Asst. Area Management Biologist
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JUSTIFICATION: The waters of Chatham Strait are closed to the retention of king salmon through June 14 to protect Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks. This action will allow opportunity for anglers to retain king salmon in the area and time when Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to be returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-23 established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit in accordance with the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* and are not affected by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-04-23 establishes areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan. These actions were taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty. These conservation measures remain in affect outside the area and times identified by this emergency order.

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