

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-D-19-23

Issued at: Sitka, Wednesday, June 28,
2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
July 1, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2023 unless superseded by a
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in Redoubt Bay and Lake from four to six fish, consistent with 5 AAC 01.760. *Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.*

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(5)(A) and 5 AAC 47.023(g)(9) are superseded by this emergency order. The following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. July 1 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2023.

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

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(5) as specified in 5 AAC 01.760, in Redoubt Bay

(A) the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is six fish;

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and method and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(9) as specified in 5 AAC 01.760, in the Redoubt Lake drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is six fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jake Wielickiewicz
Sitka Assistant Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The *Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 01.760) provides management provisions for sport, subsistence, and commercial fisheries that harvest Redoubt Lake sockeye salmon based on an optimal escapement goal of 7,000 to 25,000 fish. The plan directs the department to increase the sport fishery bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon from four to six fish if the projected total escapement is greater than 30,000 sockeye salmon. As of June 27, 2023, 8,828 sockeye salmon have passed the Redoubt Lake weir. Based on previous years run timing, the 2023 escapement is projected to exceed 30,000 sockeye salmon. Therefore, the department is establishing a bag and possession limit of six sockeye salmon in Redoubt Bay and in the Redoubt Lake drainage.

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