

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-RS-H-20-23

**Issued at:** Yakutat, Monday, July 3, 2023.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2022

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Situk River from three fish per day and six in possession to six fish per day and twelve in possession.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 through Sunday, December 31, 2023:

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

(b)(8) in the Lost River and Ahrnklin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahrnklin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of three fish and a possession limit of six fish, except that in the Situk River the bag limit is six fish and a possession limit of twelve fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jason Pawluk  
Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The escapement goal range for sockeye salmon on the Situk River is 30,000 to 70,000 fish. As of July 2, more than 33,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir and the projected weir count is over the upper end of the escapement goal range. Typically, approximately 35% of the sockeye salmon entering the Situk River have passed the weir by this date. Increasing the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits will increase harvest opportunity for sport anglers and the escapement goal will still be achieved even with additional harvest from liberalizing the sport fish bag and possession limit.

**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.