

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-22-23

Issued at: Yakutat, Friday, July 21, 2023.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 six fish per day and 12 in possession to nine fish per day and 18 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REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order.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. Saturday, July 22 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 nine fish and a possession limit of 18 fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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 19, more than 87,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir. The upper end of the escapement goal has been exceeded. Typically, approximately 72% 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.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-RS-H-20-23 is superseded by Emergency Order 1-RS-H-22-23. This emergency order previously increased the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon on the Situk River but is no longer applicable as this emergency order establishes bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon which are greater than those established previously by Emergency Order 1-RS-H-20-23.

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