

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-15-23

Issued at: Ketchikan, Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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

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December 31, 2023, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing and establishes a bag and possession limit in Ketchikan Creek of two king salmon of any size. King salmon harvested in Ketchikan Creek do not count towards the nonresident annual limit.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(B) are superseded and 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(E) is added by this emergency order.

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.

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) in Ketchikan Creek, excluding City Park Ponds,

(B) sport fishing is allowed from June 1 through December 31;

(E) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is two fish, no size limit, no annual limit;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Reppert
Ketchikan Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As provided in 5 AAC 75.003(2)(B), the department may use emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs or any natural spawning requirements. The Deer Mountain Hatchery will not be collecting brood stock from Ketchikan Creek in 2023 and the king salmon present in Ketchikan Creek are in excess of broodstock requirements.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.