

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-08-24

Issued at: Petersburg, Thursday,
March 28, 2024.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday,
April 1, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
April 30, 2025 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes the bag, possession, annual limits and other management provisions in the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2024 season.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.055. *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 1, 2024. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) king salmon:

- (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) from January 1 through June 30, the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (D) from July 1 through July 15, the nonresident annual limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply to the two fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (E) from July 16 through December 31, the nonresident annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply to the one fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (F) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan provides management prescriptions based upon the allocation to the sport fishery as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060). The allocation to the sport fishery for the 2024 season is 39,028 king salmon. To avoid exceeding the Alaska all-gear catch limit a 2% reduction has been applied to the Alaska all-gear catch limit which results in a management target of 38,250 king salmon for the sport fishery. This emergency order implements the management prescriptions called for when the sport allocation is between 34,303 and 42,684 king salmon.

In accordance with the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055), the sport allocation is used to determine the management provisions established for the 2024 season but inseason adjustments are not made for allocation.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-23 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for the 2023 season is superseded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-C-03-24 and 1-KS-E-07-24 which established sport fishing regulations for king salmon in areas where Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon will be returning near Juneau and Petersburg, are unaffected by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

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