

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 1-11-98

Issued at: Haines, June 17, 1998

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
Friday, June 19, 1998

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday, August 31, 1998. Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens king salmon sport fishing in the fresh waters of the Skagway River and Pullen Creek near Skagway to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon returning to the Burro Creek and Jerry Myers Hatcheries. The daily bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or more in length and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length in Pullen Creek above the Jerry Myers hatchery weir; and four king salmon 28 inches or more in length, and four king salmon less than 28 inches in length in the Skagway River, from June 19 through August 31, 1998.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(22) are superseded and of 5 AAC 47.022(198) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	
(22) PULLEN CREEK (Skagway) upstream from the Jerry Myers hatchery weir.	¹	13D	13L, 13R	13I		13S	¹ King Salmon: 2 per day, 2 in possession, 28 inches or more in length; 2 per day, 2 in possession less than 28 inches in length. These bag and possession limits are in effect from June 19 through August 31. ² King Salmon: 4 per day, 4 in possession, 28 inches or more in length; 4 per day, 4 in possession less than 28 inches in length. These bag and possession limits are in effect from June 19 through August 31.
(198) SKAGWAY RIVER	²	1D	1L, 1R	1I		1S	

Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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JUSTIFICATION:

Hatchery produced king salmon resulting from releases at Burro Creek Hatchery, Jerry Myers Hatchery and the Skagway Boat Harbor are expected to return to Pullen Creek in excess of hatchery needs. Excess king salmon will be passed upstream of the Jerry Myers hatchery weir where they will be available for harvest. In addition, hatchery-produced king salmon have strayed from their production areas to the Skagway River. These king salmon exceed hatchery requirements and the Skagway River does not support a king salmon population. Regulations changing bag and possession limits are therefore modified according to provisions in 5AAC 75.003 (2) (B) to allow harvest of these excess king salmon by sport anglers.

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