

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 2-KS-2-09-98

Issued at: Palmer, June 16, 1998

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.  
Saturday, June 20, 1998

Expiration Date: 12:00 midnight July 6, 1998  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order clarifies that Willow Creek is open to king salmon fishing on Saturday, Sunday and Monday for three consecutive weeks commencing June 20, 1998.

### REGULATION:

5 AAC 61.022 (b) WATERS, SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS is amended to read:

#### 5AAC 61.022(b) WATER, SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

(3)(L) Willow Creek drainage, from it's mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge and all waters within a one-quarter -mile radius of Willow Creek's confluence with the Susitna River.

(A) from January 1 through the third Monday in June, and

(B) on Saturday, Sunday and Monday for three consecutive weeks commencing on the third Saturday in June.

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Willow Creek fishery is currently governed by regulations that provide daily fishing through the third Monday in June (June 15) followed by Saturday, Sunday and Monday only fishing commencing the fourth Saturday in June (June 27) for two consecutive weeks. The fourth Saturday in June normally immediately follows the third Monday in June. Existing regulations therefore preclude fishing on the third "weekend" in June (June 20-22). This event occurs when June 1 falls on a Sunday or a Monday. This emergency action will allow king salmon fishing at Willow Creek during the third weekend in June in accordance with the intent of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Willow Creek has been open annually for king salmon fishing on the third "weekend" in June since 1979.

### DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2221.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that king salmon fishing will be allowed at Willow Creek on the third "weekend" in June. The emergency opening becomes

effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 20 and continues through 12:00 midnight Monday, July 6.

The emergency order corrects a technical deficiency within the 1998 sport fishing regulations. Regulations that currently govern the Willow Creek fishery do not provide for king salmon fishing on the third weekend in June. Action taken by emergency order provides for a fishery during the third weekend in June in accordance with the intent of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Willow Creek has been open annually for king salmon fishing on the third “weekend” in June since 1979.

The emergency opening includes Willow Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge and all waters within a one-quarter-mile radius of Willow Creek’s confluence with the Susitna River.

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