

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-12-98

Issued at: Palmer June 30, 1998

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.  
Friday, July 3, 1998

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1998 unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order adds Friday, July 3 as a day open to king salmon fishing in that portion of the Susitna River drainage upstream from its confluence with the Deshka River to its confluence with the Talkeetna River including Susitna River tributaries from Willow Creek to Trapper Creek. Therefore, waters that were scheduled to be open to king salmon fishing from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 4 to 12:00 midnight Monday, July 6 are now scheduled to be open from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 3 to 12:00 midnight Monday, July 6, 1998.

### REGULATION:

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

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- (3) The Susitna River Drainage upstream from its confluence with the Deshka River to its confluence with the Talkeetna River, excluding the Talkeetna River drainage.
  - (A) Birch Creek: all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of the stream's confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (B) Caswell Creek: from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (C) Goose Creek: from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (D) Grey's Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream 1/4-mile to an ADF&G regulatory marker and all waters within a 1/4 mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (E) Kashwitna River drainage: from its mouth upstream 1/4-mile to an ADF&G regulatory marker and all waters within a 1/4 mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (F) Little Willow Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (G) Montana Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located 1/2 mile upstream of the Parks Highway bridge, and all waters of the Susitna River within a 1/4-mile radius of the confluence of Montana Creek and the Susitna River.
  - (H) Rabideux Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream 1/4-mile to an ADF&G regulatory marker and all waters within a 1/4 mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (I) Sheep Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
  - (J) Sunshine Creek drainage: all waters within a 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.

- (K) Trapper Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream 1/4-mile to an ADF&G regulatory marker and all waters within a 1/4 mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
- (L) Willow Creek drainage: from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge and all waters within a 1/4 mile radius of Willow Creek's confluence with the Susitna River.

5AAC 61.010 CODE KEY FOR OPEN FISHING SEASONS is amended to read:

- (3), (8) From 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 3, 1998 to 12:00 midnight Monday, July 6, 1998.

Frank Rue  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Craig Whitmore  
Craig Whitmore  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

King Salmon are well distributed throughout the Susitna River drainage. Recreational king salmon catch rates were very low during early June in the Susitna River upstream of its confluence with the Deshka River. The highest seasonal catch rates occurred in this area during the weekend of June 27 - 29. King salmon are now well distributed throughout Susitna River tributary streams with fish upstream of the area open to recreational fishing. A harvestable surplus of king salmon appears to be present beyond those required to meet spawning escapement goals. Therefore, it is justified to add an additional day of recreational fishing. It is anticipated that not more than an additional 500 king salmon will be harvested by allowing fishing to occur on Friday, July 3, 1998.

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.

