

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-13-99

Issued at Haines, June 16, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Thursday, June 17, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
September 16, 1999. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Chilkoot Lake and River to retention of sockeye salmon, from June 17 through September 15, 1999. All sockeye salmon caught must be immediately released.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(19) are superseded by this emergency order.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	
(19) CHILKOOT LAKE AND RIVER	Closed	1D ¹	1L, 1R	1H		1S	Bait may be used from January 1 through December 31. ¹ Sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately. This restriction is in effect from June 17 through September 15. Only 2 coho salmon 16 inches or more in length daily and possession. The possession limit for all other salmon is 1 bag limit.

JUSTIFICATION:

The early return of sockeye salmon to the Chilkoot Lake and River is projected to be well below the escapement goal (16,500-31,500). By June 15th, 160 sockeye salmon had been counted through the Chilkoot River weir. This is well below the average of 2,340 sockeye salmon over the past ten years by this date. Conservative restrictions are being implemented on the commercial fishery to protect sockeye returning to this drainage. A closure of the Chilkoot Lake and River to sockeye retention is needed to boost escapement into the drainage. This restriction will remain in effect through September 15, or until escapement goals are projected to be met.

DISTRIBUTION:

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