

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-15-99

Issued at Sitka, Thursday,
June 17, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M., Saturday,
Date: June 19, 1999

Expiration Date: 12:01 A.M. Sunday,
August 1, 1998. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the king salmon bag and possession limits in Silver Bay near Sitka and in the Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area in Chatham Strait to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon. 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 from June 19 through July 31.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS (201) and (202) are added to read:

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(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	
(201) Silver Bay (Salt Water) east of 135° 15' W. longitude (Entry Point). (202) Hidden Falls Terminal Hatchery Area (Salt Water) area within two miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the range marker on South Point (south entrance to Kelp Bay) and north of a range marker located at 57° 06' 50" N latitude (south of Takatz Bay).	1 ¹	1D	1L, 1R	1I	3J, 4K	1S, 1T	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 July 31.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to implement its emergency order authority to open hatchery terminal saltwater areas to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon. Surplus hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to the Silver Bay and Hidden Falls terminal salt water harvest areas in 1999. Bag and possession limits in this terminal harvest area will be liberalized to allow for the harvest of these excess king salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Sitka Area Office, 304 Lake Street, Sitka AK 99835, (907) 747-5355.