

# SPORT FISHING

## Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-18-99

Issued at Yakutat, Monday,  
June 28, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M., Tuesday,  
Date: June 29, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday,  
August 15, 1999. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-11-99 implemented on June 9, 1999. This emergency order increases the king salmon daily bag and possession limit on the Situk River downstream from Nine Mile Bridge to two fish 16 inches or more in length. This emergency order also allows the use of bait downstream from the Middle Situk River Airstrip. Both of these provisions are effective from June 29, through August 15, 1999.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(189) are superseded by this emergency order.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/Shellfish	
(189) SITUK RIVER drainage: -from the mouth to the old railroad bridge <sup>1,3</sup>	11 <sup>2</sup>	11G	11L,11R	11 I		11S,11T	<sup>1</sup> Senior citizens (60 years of age or older) may fish in this portion of the river year round.
-from the old railroad bridge to the Middle Situk River Airstrip <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1G	1L, 1R	1 I		1S	<sup>2</sup> Two king salmon per day, 16 inches or more in length.
-from the Middle Situk Airstrip to Nine Mile Bridge <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1G	1L, 1R	1 I		1S	<sup>3</sup> The use of bait is allowed from the Middle Situk Airstrip.
-upstream from Nine Mile Bridge <sup>4</sup>	9C	1G	1L, 1R	1 I		1S	<sup>4</sup> Only unbaited artificial lures may be used.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River Fishery Management Plan (5AAC 30.365) was adopted by the Board of Fisheries in 1991. This management plan established an optimum escapement goal for the Situk River of 600 large king salmon (3-ocean and older), with a range of 450 to 750 large spawners. Fishery managers have predicted that the 1999 king salmon escapement goal will exceed 750 large fish. According to 5 AAC 75.003, the department may liberalize sport fish bag and possession limits, or methods and means of harvest when the total escapement of a species is projected to exceed the upper limit of the escapement range for that species listed in a management plan that has been adopted by the Board of Fisheries.

Therefore, the use of bait will be permitted in the Situk River downstream from the Middle Situk River Airstrip, and the portion of the Situk River between Nine Mile Bridge and the Middle Situk Airstrip will remain open to retention of two king salmon per day, 16 inches or more in length. This regulation will remain in effect from June 29 through August 15, 1999.

DISTRIBUTION:

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