

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-19-99

Issued at Juneau, Tuesday,  
June 29, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M. Saturday,  
Date: July 3, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,  
December 31, 1999. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order decreases the bag and possession limit for king salmon in most salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area from two fish 28 inches or more in length to one fish 28 inches or more in length from July 3, 1999 to December 31, 1999. This emergency order does not pertain to the specific terminal harvest areas established by previous emergency orders to harvest surplus Alaska hatchery king salmon.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(4) are superseded by this emergency order.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	
(4) All SALT WATERS east of the longitude of Cape Suckling and north of the International Boundary at Dixon Entrance, except the specific terminal harvest areas established by previous emergency orders.	1 <sup>1</sup>	1D	1L, 1R	1I	3J, 4K	1S, 1T	<sup>1</sup> The bag and possession limit for king salmon is 1 fish 28 inches or more in length from July 3 through December 31, 1999; the annual limit for nonresidents is 4 fish, 28 inches or more in length.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

A quota, established under the new US/Canada Pacific Salmon treaty agreements recently signed, limits the all-gear harvest of king salmon in Southeast Alaska. Each year the preliminary quota is determined based on the projected abundance of king salmon (this is called the preseason abundance index). For 1999 the king salmon preseason abundance index resulted in an all-gear quota of 177,000 fish. The Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) has allocated a share of this quota to various commercial and sport fisheries. In 1999 the sport fishery allocation is 32,200 fish.

The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5AAC 47.055) defines how the Department of Fish and Game is to manage the sport fishery to achieve its allocation. According to this plan, as soon as the preseason abundance index is announced, the bag limit for the sport fishery will be set at either 1, 2, or 3 fish; whichever results in an estimated harvest closest to the sport allocation. The department estimates that a 1-fish bag and possession limit, implemented on July 3, will result in a total sport harvest in 1999 of 42,800 “treaty” king salmon, which is closest to the allocation. This projected harvest then becomes the sport harvest target for the 1999 season.

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