

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-16-99

Issued at Soldotna, July 28, 1999

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., August 1, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 7, 1999,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the fishing season for king salmon, 20 inches or more in length, in that section of the Kenai River downstream from Eagle Rock. Fishing for king salmon is permitted from 12:01 a.m. August 1 through 11:59 p.m. August 7, in that section of the Kenai River downstream from Eagle Rock, located at river mile 11.25.

These regulatory changes are effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday August 1.

REGULATION:

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 56.022 (b)(10) and consistent with 5AAC 21.359 (d), the following provisions are effective:

King salmon fishing is permitted in the Kenai River from Eagle Rock located at river mile eleven and a quarter (11.25) downstream to its terminus at Cook Inlet from 12:01 a.m. August 1 through 11:59 p.m. August 7, 1999.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mike Bethe
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Kenai River Late Run Chinook Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.359) directs the department to manage for a spawning escapement of 17,800–35,700 late run chinook salmon. This plan allows the fishing season to be liberalized if the escapement is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal range. As the escapement is projected to exceed 35,700 chinook salmon, the late run chinook salmon fishery is being extended for seven days in the lower section of the river. This extension will provide additional angling opportunity to harvest king salmon which are surplus to spawning escapement needs.

DISTRIBUTION:

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