

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-14-99

Issued at Soldotna, July 9, 1999

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
July 13, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 15,
1999
Unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes approximately 0.4 miles of river bank to fishing. The area closed is along the south bank of the Kenai River between approximately river mile 23.8 and 24.2. This area is posted with regulatory markers. Anglers are allowed to fish within this zone only if fishing from a boat that is located more than 10 feet from shore and not connected to the shore or any riparian habitat.

These regulatory changes are effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday July 13.

REGULATION:

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 56.065 the following provisions are effective:

The south bank of the Kenai River at approximately river mile 23.8 to 24.2 as delineated by department markers is closed to fishing within 10 feet from shore. Waters within 10 feet from shore may only be fished if anglers are fishing from a boat located more than 10 feet from shore that is not connected to the shore or any riparian habitat.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

David E. Athons
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Protection of riparian bank habitat is critical to assure that the fishery resources of the Kenai River are conserved for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. One threat to habitat is trampling by anglers fishing for sockeye salmon. The area listed above was recently purchased for the purpose of providing long-term protection and has been identified as critical fish habitat that is prone to bank degradation by shoreline anglers. The objective of this emergency order is to prevent expansion of shoreline angling onto this relatively pristine area of critical fish habitat.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.