

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-CS-07-99

Issued at: Fairbanks, July 15, 1999

Effective Date: 12:01 am Saturday July 17, 1999

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Unless superseded by subsequent Emergency Order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order prohibits sport anglers from retaining chum salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage, including all tributaries. Chum salmon may not be retained or possessed. All chum salmon must be released immediately.

This restriction is for the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries only and does not include other waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay such as the Kanektok and Goodnews rivers.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 70.022 therefore is amended to read:

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5 AAC 70.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS. (e) This subsection contains codes for fishing seasons and for bag, possession, and size limits, and applicable special provisions, for the waters of the Kuskokwim-Goodnews portion of the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area (the Kuskokwim, Goodnews, and Kanektok River drainages, and all other waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay, including Kuskokwim Bay). 5 AAC 70.010 and 5 AAC 70.020 contain the code keys for the codes set out in this subsection.

KUSKOKWIM-GOODNEWS PORTION OF THE ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM AREA											
(1) 5 AAC 70.022(e) WATER	SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS										SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Arctic Char/ Dolly Varden	Lake Trout	Rainbow Trout	Arctic Grayling	Sheefish	Northern Pike	Burbot	Other	
(3) ALL FLOWING WATERS not listed below.	1B	1D ⁶	1H	1W	1AB	1N	1AE	1Z	1R	1AG	⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately.
(4) ALL LAKES not listed below.	1B	1D ⁶	1F	1W	1AB	1N	1AE	1Z	1R	1AG	⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately

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	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Arctic Char/ Dolly Varden	Lake Trout	Rainbow Trout	Arctic Grayling	Sheefish	Northern Pike	Burbot	Other	
(6) ANIAK RIVER drainage: • upstream from the mouth of Doestock Creek. ¹ • remainder of the drainage.	9B	1D⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	¹ Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used in all flowing waters of the Aniak River drainage upstream of its confluence with Doestock Creek. ² In all lakes. ³ In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit for Dolly Varden/Arctic char is five fish, only one of which may be 20 inches or more in length. ⁴ In the Aniak River drainage upstream of its confluence with Doestock Creek, rainbow trout may not be possessed or retained; all rainbow trout caught must be released immediately. ⁵ The bag and possession limit for sheefish is five fish. ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately
	9B	1D⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1AB	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	
(8) HOLITNA RIVER drainage.	9B	1D⁶	1F ¹ ,1 ²	1W	1AB	1I	1AD	1X	1R	1AG	¹ In all lakes. ² In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit of Dolly Varden/Arctic char is three fish ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately.

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	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Arctic Char/ Dolly Varden	Lake Trout	Rainbow Trout	Arctic Grayling	Sheefish	Northern Pike	Burbot	Other	
(10) KASIGLUK RIVER drainage. ¹	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	¹ Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used. ² In all lakes. ³ In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit for Dolly Varden/Arctic char is five fish, only one of which may be 20 inches or more in length. ⁴ The bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is one fish 14 inches or less in length. ⁵ The bag and possession limit for sheefish is five fish, no size limit. ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately
(11) KISARALIK RIVER drainage:											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upstream from approximately 60° 49.5' N. Lat., 160° 55.0' W. Long. (near the new village lodge site).¹ 	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	¹ Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used. ² In all lakes. ³ In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit for Dolly Varden/Arctic char is five fish, only one of which may be 20 inches or more in length. ⁴ Rainbow trout may not be possessed or retained; all rainbow trout caught must be released immediately. ⁵ The bag and possession limit for sheefish is five fish, no size limit. ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • downstream from 60° 49.5' N. Lat., 160° 55.0' W. Long. (near the new village lodge site). 	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1AB	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	

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<p>(13) KUSKOKWIN RIVER drainage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upstream from a point located ¼ mile upstream from the confluence of the Kuskokwim River with the Holitna River. • downstream from a point located ¼ mile upstream from the confluence of the Kuskokwim River with the Holitna River, excluding the Holitna River. 	1B	1D ⁶	1F ¹ ,1H ²	1W	1AB	1N	1AE	1Z	1R	1AG	¹ In all lakes. ² In all flowing waters. ³ In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit for Dolly Varden/Arctic char is five fish, only one of which may be 20 inches or more in length. ⁴ The bag and possession limit for sheefish is five fish, no size limit. ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately
	9B	1D ⁶	1F ¹ ,1 ³	1W	1AB	1K	1 ⁴	1X	1R	1AG	
<p>(14) KWETHLUK RIVER drainage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upstream from the confluence of the Kwethluk River and Pulamaneq Creek (Pocahontas Creek) located at approximately 60°31.96' N. lat., 161°05.47' W. long.¹ • downstream from the confluence of the Kwethluk River and Pulamaneq Creek (Pocahontas Creek) located at approximately 60°31.96' N. lat., 161°05.47' W. long. 	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1Z	1R	1AG	¹ Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used. ² In all lakes. ³ In all flowing waters, the bag and possession limit for Dolly Varden/Arctic char is five fish, only one of which may be 20 inches or more in length. ⁴ The bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is one fish 14 inches or less in length. ⁵ The bag and possession limit for sheefish is five fish, no size limit. ⁶ Chum Salmon may not be possessed or retained.; all chum salmon caught must be released immediately
	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1Z	1R	1AG	

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<p>(12) KISARALIK RIVER drainage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> upstream from approximately 60° 49.5' N. Lat., 160° 55.0' W. Long. (near the new village lodge site).¹ downstream from 60° 49.5' N. Lat., 160° 55.0' W. Long. (near the new village lodge site). 	9B	1D ⁶	1F ² ,1 ³	1W	1 ⁴	1K	1 ⁵	1X	1R	1AG	
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Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
John Burr
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This action is necessary to help achieve the chum salmon escapement goals of 250,000 fish in the Aniak River, 30,000 fish at the Kogrukluk River weir and to assure adequate chum salmon escapement into other tributaries of the Kuskokwim River where goals have not been established.

Based on normal run timing, the current passage of chums past the Aniak River sonar counter is projected to produce a total escapement of 180,000 to 190,000 fish for the season; 60,000 to 70,000 fish less than the 250,000 escapement goal. Similarly, all other escapement assessment projects on the Kuskokwim River indicate a very poor return of chum salmon to the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries.

This Emergency Order action in the sport fishery is part of a coordinated conservation approach being implemented by the Department. In concert, these measures provide increased protection for weak Kuskokwim River chum salmon stocks. The Department will continue to monitor the chum salmon run in the Kuskokwim River to determine if additional management actions are warranted.

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