

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-SS-13-99

Issued at Nome, Alaska  
3:00 p.m. ADT, August 26, 1999

Effective Date 11:59 a.m. ADT  
Friday August 27, 1999

Expiration Date: December 31, 1999  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order re-opens sport fishing for coho salmon in the all Port Clarence and Imuruk Basin drainages of Northern Norton Sound and provides for a daily bag and possession limit of (1) one coho salmon. No other drainages within the Northern Norton Sound area are being opened except Port Clarence and Imuruk Basin drainages including the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin rivers.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5AAC 70.022. (b)(7) WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION , AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective. Coho salmon fishing in all Port Clarence and Imuruk Basin drainages including the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin rivers is OPEN with a reduced daily BAG and POSSESSION LIMIT of one coho.

Frank Rue  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Alfred L. DeCicco  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Coho salmon runs throughout western Alaska are generally very weak for 1999. However, recent aerial surveys conducted on the Pilgrim and Agiapuk rivers suggest that coho returns to Port Clarence and Imuruk Basin drainages are stronger than those in other Northern Norton Sound streams. The Department feels that limited harvest can occur without adversely impacting the inriver escapements or future sustained yields. Therefore, sport fishing for coho salmon is open in all Port Clarence and Imuruk Basin drainages including the Pilgrim and Kuzitrin rivers with a reduced bag and possession limit of one coho per day.

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