

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-07-02

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday  
June 7, 2002

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 10, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 pm, December 31,  
2002 Unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for sockeye salmon in a section of Afognak Bay and in the Afognak River drainage.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(c) (3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

#### **5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, SIZE LIMITS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE FRESH AND SALT WATERS OF THE KODIAK AREA.**

5 AAC 64.022 (3) sport fishing for sockeye salmon is closed from 12:01 am, June 10, through 11:59 pm., December 31, 2002, in the Afognak River drainage and in those saltwaters of Afognak Bay northwest of a line from Last Point to Rivermouth Point.

Frank Rue,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon weir counts indicate that escapement into the Afognak River drainage will not be achieved. Current weir counts and run timing information allow the department to project that the escapement for the entire year will be fewer than 10,000 sockeye, which is substantially below the minimum escapement goal of 40,000 fish. In order to increase sockeye escapement into the Afognak

River drainage, the sport fishery will be closed, effective 12:01 am, Monday, June 10, through 11:59 pm, December 31, 2002. The area closed will include the freshwaters of the Afognak River drainage as well as those saltwaters in Afognak Bay northwest of a line from Last Point to Rivermouth Point.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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