

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-10-02

Issued at Soldotna,  
Sunday, June 9, 2002

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2002 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Kenai River to the taking of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length as outlined in 5 AAC 56.070. KENAI RIVER EARLY-RUN CHINOOK SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN (b)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) due to a projected spawning escapement level below the lower end of the biological escapement goal of 7,200 to 14,400 fish.

This emergency order is effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.022(b)(11) and 5 AAC 56.022(b)(12) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

### **5 AAC 56.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

#### 5 AAC 56.022(b)(11)

The Kenai River from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located near the confluence of the Funny River is closed to the taking of king salmon 20 inches or more in length from 12:01 am, Tuesday, June 11 through 11:59 pm, Sunday, June 30, 2002.

#### 5 AAC 56.022(b)(11)

The Kenai River upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker located near the confluence of the Funny River to Skilak Lake is closed to the taking of king salmon 20 inches or more in length from 12:01 am, Tuesday, June 11 through 11:59 pm, Tuesday, July 9, 2002.

#### 5 AAC 56.022(b)(12)

The Moose River from its confluence with the Kenai River upstream to the northernmost edge of the Sterling Highway Bridge is closed to the taking of king salmon 20 inches or more in length from 12:01 am, Tuesday, June 11 through 11:59 pm, Tuesday, July 9, 2002.

Frank Rue  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark S. Gamblin  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Kenai River Early-Run Chinook Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 56.070) directs the department to manage the Kenai River early king salmon run to achieve a spawning escapement level of 7,200 – 14,400 fish. As of Saturday, June 8, only 2,212 king salmon have entered the river resulting in a projected total run of less than 6,500 fish. If the fishery were to remain open, it is estimated that the total escapement would be less than 5,500 fish, substantially below the 7,200 minimum escapement goal.

**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) 267-2221.