

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-PS-02-02

Issued at: Fairbanks, July 15, 2002

Effective Date: 12:01 am, July 16, 2002.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2002.
Unless superceded by subsequent Emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds a portion of Emergency Order 3-S-01-02, and re-opens some fresh waters and all salt waters in the Nome Subdistrict, west of Cape Nome to sport fishing for pink salmon. Effective 12:01 am, July 16th, 2002 until further notice, sport fishing for pink salmon is allowed in the Nome, Sinuk, Penny, and Cripple Rivers and in all salt waters west of Cape Nome with a daily bag and possession limit of 10 fish.

REGULATION:

5AAC 70.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS IN THE ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM AREA is amended to read:

(b)(14)(C) (vi) sport fishing for pink salmon is open in the Nome, Sinuk, Penny and Cripple Rivers.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____

Alfred L. DeCicco
Northwest Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A strong pink salmon run is developing in many portions of Norton Sound. Over 18,000 pink salmon have been counted in the Nome, Sinuk, Penny and Cripple Rivers. The enumerated escapement is expected to exceed established objectives for these systems given current indications of run strength. A strong run is already in the Fish River system and pink salmon are moving upstream past the tower on the Eldorado River. Normal subsistence fishing periods for pink salmon have recently opened in the waters west of Cape Nome. We are therefore opening the pink salmon sport fishery in rivers that have a demonstrated surplus of pink salmon west of Cape Nome.

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