

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-07-03

Issued at Palmer: June 19, 2003

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Friday,  
June 20, 2003

Expiration Date: December 31, 2003,  
unless superceded by subsequent Emergency  
Order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-01-03, issued on May 28, which closed a portion of the Deshka River, from the weir at river mile 7 downstream to a department marker approximately 600 yards, and upstream from a Department marker approximately 200 yards.

By rescinding Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-01-03, the closed area downstream and upstream of the weir will revert back to the standard regulatory language for weir closures under the Department of Fish and Game's codified regulation 5 AAC 75.050, which prohibits sport fishing within 300 feet of a weir. This emergency order reduces the area closed to sport fishing to 300 feet above and below the Deshka River weir.

### REGULATION:

5 AAC 75.050 (a) WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING:

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- (a) The waters within 300 feet of a fish weir or fish ladder are closed to sport fishing.

Kevin C. Duffy  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

*Dave Rutz*  
David Rutz  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

A total of 22,932 king salmon have passed the Deshka River weir to date. It is projected that the upper end of the escapement goal range of 17,000 to 28,000 will be exceeded by more than 25%. The expanded closed area around the weir is no longer necessary.

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, Alaska 99518, (907) 267-2218.