

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-02-03

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
June 4, 2003

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 7, 2003

Expiration Date: 11:59 pm, December 31,  
2003, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

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

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(1)(H) are added to read:

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

(b)(1)(H) Fishing for sockeye salmon is closed from 12:01 am, June 7, through 11:59 pm, December 31, 2003, in the Afognak River drainage and in those salt waters of Afognak Bay that are west of Cape Kazakof, (152° 37.60' W longitude), and north of the latitude of Afognak Point (57° 59.40' N latitude).

Kevin C. Duffy,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon weir counts indicate that minimum escapement objectives 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 15,000 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 for sockeye salmon will be closed, effective 12:01 am, Saturday, June 7, through 11:59 pm, December 31, 2003. The area closed will include the fresh waters

of the Afognak River drainage as well those salt waters in Afognak Bay that are west of Cape Kazakof (152° 37.60' W longitude), and north of the latitude of Afognak Point (57° 59.40' N latitude).

DISTRIBUTION:

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