

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-21-03

Issued at Anchorage: August 22, 2003

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2003

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. September 7, 2003, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, from three per day, six in possession to six per day, twelve in possession in the Eshamy Lagoon and the Eshamy drainage. In addition, this emergency order opens the marine waters of Eshamy Lagoon inside the Department regulatory markers to snagging. The bag and possession limit for coho salmon shall remain at 3 per day, 3 in possession. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2003, through 11:59 p.m. September 7, 2003:

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5AAC 55.023(1)(D) and (2)(A) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2003, through 11:59 p.m., September 7, 2003:

5 AAC 55.023 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA.

(1) The following special provisions apply to salmon, other than king salmon;

(D) Eshamy Lagoon and the Eshamy drainage: bag limit of six fish and possession limit of 12 fish, of which only three per day and three in possession may be coho salmon;

(2)(A) Snagging is allowed beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2003, through 11:59 p.m., September 7, 2003, in Eshamy Lagoon inside ADF&G regulatory markers located on the lagoon shore approximately one-half mile on either side of the ADF&G cabin.

Kevin C. Duffy,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matthew G. Miller,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Eshamy Lagoon inside ADF&G markers placed on the lagoon shore approximately one-half mile on either side of the ADF&G cabin is closed to snagging each year until the Department determines that the escapement goal will be met and the commissioner opens these marine waters by emergency order. The bag and possession limit for coho salmon shall remain at 3 per day and 3 in possession. The biological escapement goal for Eshamy Lake is 20,000- 40,000 sockeye salmon. To date 39,845 sockeye have

passed the ADF&G weir, with another 3,000 sockeye estimated below the weir, in the lagoon and river. The run is approximately 70% complete.

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) 267-2218.