

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-07-04

Issued at Juneau, Thursday, June 3,
2004

Effective 12:01 A.M. Friday,
Date: June 4, 2004

Expiration Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2004
at 11:59 P.M. unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit of four king salmon with no size limit in a terminal salt-water location near Juneau and in fresh water drainages crossed by the Juneau road system that are open to sport fishing. The emergency order also allows the use of bait, the use of weighted hooks and lures, the use of multiple hooks with a gap between the point and shank larger than one-half inch, and the retention of king salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth (snagged) in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond (Douglas Island). King salmon caught in these salt water and fresh water areas do not count toward a nonresident's annual limit.

REGULATION:

The special provisions of 47.021 (d) and 47.023 (e) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from June 4, 2004 through August 31, 2004:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(d) In the Juneau vicinity:

- (5) in the contiguous waters of Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove and Gastineau Channel, enclosed on the west by a line running from the tip of Point Louisa to the navigational aid at the northern tip of Portland Island then along the eastern shore of Portland Island to its most southern point and ending on Douglas Island at the northern tip of Outer Point, and enclosed on the east by the Juneau-Douglas bridge:
 - a. The bag and possession limit is four king salmon; no size limit;
 - b. King salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by Emergency Order 1-01-04 issued on January 9, 2004.

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

- (1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,

(L) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau road system that are open to sport fishing, the bag and possession limit for king salmon is four fish, no size limit; the nonresident annual limit for king salmon harvested in this area, as established by Emergency Order 1-01-04 issued on January, 9, 2004, is repealed.

(M) in Fish Creek Pond (Douglas Island), the use of bait, weighted hooks and lures, and multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ½ inch are permitted. King salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth (snagged) may be retained.

JUSTIFICATION

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon in terminal harvest areas. Surplus hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to three saltwater release sites near Juneau and to nearby freshwater streams. Therefore, the department is increasing the king salmon bag and possession limit to four fish, with no size limits, in a terminal saltwater area and on freshwater streams on the Juneau road system that are open to sport fishing in order to provide recreational anglers in the Juneau area the opportunity to harvest these surplus fish.

The Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) authorizes the Department to repeal the nonresident angler annual limit provisions in hatchery terminal harvest areas if the king salmon bag limit in the terminal area is set at three or more king salmon, 28 inches or more in length. Since the bag limit in the Juneau terminal harvest area is four king salmon of any size, the nonresident annual limit provisions in this area are repealed.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270.

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