

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-01-04

Issued at Juneau, Friday,
January 9, 2004

Effective 12:01 A.M. Saturday,
Date: January 10, 2004

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,
December 31, 2004, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes bag and possession limits for resident anglers of two king salmon 28 inches or more in length and, for nonresident anglers, of one king salmon 28 inches or more in length, in salt waters of Southeast Alaska. It also establishes an annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or more in length for nonresidents in salt waters of Southeast Alaska and in all fresh waters between Cape Suckling and Cape Fairweather.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the following regulations are effective:

- (1) In all salt waters of Southeast Alaska from Cape Suckling to Dixon Entrance,
 - (A) The bag and possession limit for resident anglers is 2 king salmon 28 inches or more in length, no annual limit;
 - (B) The bag and possession limit for nonresident anglers is 1 king salmon 28 inches or more in length, the annual limit for nonresident anglers is 3 king salmon, 28 inches or more in length;
- (2) In all fresh waters between Cape Suckling and Cape Fairweather, the annual limit for nonresidents is 3 king salmon, 28 inches or more in length.

JUSTIFICATION: The sport fishery for king salmon in Southeast Alaska is managed under guidelines of the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan directs the department to establish management measures for the sport fishery each year based on the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee (CTC) of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The plan directs the department to establish bag and possession limits for resident anglers of two and, for nonresident anglers, of one king salmon 28 inches or more in length, and an annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or more in length for nonresidents when the index is greater than 1.2. The 2003 index was 1.79.

Under the plan, bag and possession limits and other measures for the coming year are based on the prior year's preseason abundance index until the coming year's preseason abundance index becomes available. Therefore, the bag, possession and annual limits implemented during 2003 will remain in effect until the 2004 preseason abundance index is announced. The 2004 index is expected by May 1, 2004. At that time, management measures for the remainder of the year will be implemented.

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