

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-06-04

Issued at: Fairbanks, July 9, 2004

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

Expiration Date: December 31, 2003
Unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention or possession of king salmon while sport fishing in all waters of the Unalakleet river drainage. The use of bait while sport fishing in the Unalakleet River drainage is prohibited.

These changes become effective 12:01 A.M., Saturday July 10, 2004.

REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 70.022 (b)(1); and 5 AAC 70.022 (b)(14)(I)(i,ii,iii)** are superseded by this emergency order and the provisions of **5 AAC 70.030 (f)** are invoked.

Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 A.M., Saturday, July 10, 2004:

5 AAC 70.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area.

(b)(1) In all waters of the Unalakleet River drainage, effective 12:01 A.M. Saturday July 10, 2004 king salmon may not be retained or possessed.

5 AAC 70.030. Methods, means, and general provisions-Finfish

(f) in the Unalakleet river, the use of bait is prohibited.

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

by delegation to: _____
Charles Swanton
Regional Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of king salmon enumerated at the North River tower on the Unalakleet River through Thursday July 8, 2004 stands at 648 fish. The last several days of daily king salmon counts have shown a downward trend. It is projected that with no additional harvest of king salmon in-river that the minimum escapement objective will be met.

In following the subsistence priority, prior to restricting subsistence fishing all other uses must be either restricted or closed. This action is preceding action being taken regarding the Unalakleet in-river subsistence fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fisheries, 1300 College Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7234.