

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-PS-R-20-05

Issued at Sitka, Wednesday, July 27,
2005.

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Friday, July 29, 2005

Expiration Date: Monday, October 31,
2005 at 11:59 P.M. unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases bag and possession limits for pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length to 12 per day and 24 in possession in Southeast Alaska.

REGULATION:

Notwithstanding pink salmon harvest limit provisions within 5 AAC 47.020, 5 AAC 47.021, 5 AAC 47.022, and 5 AAC 47.023, the following provisions are effective:

In all salt and fresh waters east of Cape Suckling that are open to sport fishing for salmon, the bag and possession limits for pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length is 12 per day, 24 in possession.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tom Brookover
SE Regional Mgt Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to increase bag and possession limits when the total escapement of an anadromous fish species is projected to exceed the escapement goal [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A)]. The department projects a very strong pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska in 2005. Given the very strong projection, and existing harvests and effort levels, all pink salmon Biological Escapement Goals in Southeast Alaska are expected to be exceeded. This emergency order will provide for additional pink salmon harvest opportunity without jeopardizing escapement goals.

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