

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-21-05

Issued at Yakutat, Friday, July 29, 2005

Effective            12:01 A.M.  
Date:                Saturday, July 30, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Saturday,  
December 31, 2005 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-RS-H-17-05 issued in Yakutat on July 5. This emergency order effectively increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon 16 inches or greater in length to six per day, 12 in possession in the Situk River upstream of the weir.

### REGULATION:

Emergency Order 1-RS-H-17-05 is rescinded.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert Johnson  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk River drainage is managed for an optimum escapement goal of 50,000 sockeye salmon, with an escapement goal range of 30,000 to 70,000 spawners. The weir count on July 27 was 65,218 sockeye and the 2005 sockeye escapement is now well within the escapement goal range. Recent extreme low water levels have moderated, and weather conditions have brought water temperatures to acceptable levels. As a result, bag limit restrictions upstream of the weir are no longer necessary.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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