

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-22-05

Issued at: Anchorage, Monday, July 11, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2005, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order extends the king salmon season in the waters of Ship Creek open to salmon fishing, from 12:01 am, Thursday, July 14; through 11:59 pm, Sunday, July 31, 2005. The bag and possession limit of two king salmon per day and two in possession, greater than 20 inches, remains in effect. The bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches remains at 10 per day, 10 in possession. The Ship Creek nighttime closure from 11:00 p.m.- 6:00 a.m. remains in effect only through Wednesday, July 13, at 11:00 p.m. The annual limits and recording requirements are still in effect for the Ship Creek king salmon fishery.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SUSITNA- WEST COOK INLET AREA (m)(14)(A), (C), & (E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2005:

#### **5 AAC 61.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SUSITNA- WEST COOK INLET AREA**

5 AAC 61.022 (m)(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(A) the waters from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach power plant dam are open to sport fishing for all finfish species, except that sport fishing for king salmon is only open from January 1- July 31;

(C) The bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish: a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish; a person may not remove a king a salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

(E) after taking and retaining two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish for any species of salmon that same day in waters open to king salmon fishing.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Dan Bosch  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

A stream survey conducted in Ship Creek on July 5 enumerated 1,485 king salmon in closed waters upstream of the designated harvest area. The Sport Fish hatchery at Elmendorf is collecting brood stock, and with high escapement numbers of returning adult king salmon upstream of the fishery, it is expected the brood stock goals will be exceeded. Good catch rates in the fishery suggest a strong return of king salmon this year with harvestable king salmon remaining in the fishery and a few bright fish still moving into the creek. Therefore it is warranted to extend the king salmon season through July 31, 2005, to allow for additional opportunity and increased harvest of surplus hatchery fish.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.