

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-05-05

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
June 7, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., June 8, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 pm, July 15, 2005,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order doubles the bag and possession limit in the Karluk River drainage for sockeye salmon over 20 inches in length. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 8, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 15, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Karluk River drainage will be 10 fish daily, 20 in possession

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (a) (2) (A) are amended to read:

5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE FRESH AND SALT WATERS OF THE KODIAK AREA.

(c) (1) for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, the bag limit is five fish and 10 fish in possession; except in the Karluk River drainage, from June 8 through July 15, the bag limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish and 20 in possession.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for the early return of sockeye salmon into the Karluk drainage is a range of 100,000 to 210,000 fish. As of June 5, 107,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Karluk weir. Based on historic return timing, the upper end of the escapement goal will be exceeded in 2005. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag

and possession limit in the Karluk River drainage will be doubled to allow for an increased harvest of sockeye salmon to occur. This emergency order will be in effect beginning Wednesday, June 8 through Friday, July 15.

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.