

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-7-19-05

Issued at: Homer, Friday, July 01, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2005, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-RS-7-04-05. Effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2005, all waters of the English Bay River drainage and Port Graham Subdistrict are open to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

### **REGULATION:**

Emergency Order 2-RS-7-04-05 is rescinded.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner



By delegation to:

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Nicole J. Szarzi  
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### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Nanwalek Salmon Enhancement Project (NSEP) weir counts of sockeye salmon escaping into English Bay drainage total approximately 5,000 fish. Additional sockeye salmon were reported in the intertidal lagoon downstream of the weir on June 27. The recent historical run timing curve for English Bay lakes sockeye salmon suggests that the return is approaching the approximate halfway point, and achievement of a total escapement within the SEG range of 6,000 – 13,500 fish can now be projected. The subsistence set gillnet fishery reopened Thursday, June 30, 2005, at the start of a regular weekly fishing period. The salt waters adjacent to the English Bay and Nanwalek communities and the English Bay drainage downstream of English Bay Lake support a small take of sockeye salmon by sport anglers. It is not anticipated that reopening these waters to sport fishing will jeopardize the biological escapement or eggtake requirements of this stock. English Bay area sport fishing data has appeared in the Statewide Harvest Surveys (SWHS) from 1983 through 2001. Estimates of angler effort average 185 angler days with an average of 33 sockeye harvested. The average number of respondents to the SWHS for these locations is 4, indicating that fishing pressure is low. It is therefore justified to reopen the sockeye salmon sport fishery in the salt waters east of the longitude of Point Bede at 151° 59.40' and

south of the latitude of Point Pogibshi at 59° 25.47; and the English Bay River drainage from its mouth, including the lagoon, upstream to the outlet of Lower English Bay Lake.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

Emergency Order 2-RS-7-04-05 which closed all waters of the English Bay River drainage and Port Graham Subdistrict to sport fishing for sockeye salmon from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2005 until further notice is rescinded.

**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.