

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-30-05

Issued at Kodiak, Wednesday, September
14, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2005.

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2005, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends, until further notice, the salmon sport fishing closure on the Buskin River drainage above Bridge 1.

REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA (b)(1)(B)** are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2005:

5 AAC 64.022 (b)(1) WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.

(B) the Buskin River drainage upstream of Bridge 1 is closed to sport fishing for salmon from September 16 through December 31, 2005.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Len Schwarz,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of September 12, coho salmon escapement through the Buskin River weir was 950 fish, the second lowest escapement on record for this date since 1985. Based on average run timing, the

total escapement for the season is currently projected to be 2,000 coho, significantly below the spawning escapement goal range of 3,200 to 7,200 fish. Waters of the Buskin River drainage upstream of Bridge #1 are closed by regulation to sport fishing for salmon from August 1 through September 15. The upstream closure is being extended for the remainder of the year.

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.