

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-33-05

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,
September 29, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday September 30, 2005

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2005, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for coho salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning Friday, September 30, five coho salmon may be harvested and possessed per day.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (a) (2) (A) are superceded to read: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

(a) (2) salmon, other than king salmon may be taken from January 1 – December 31 as follows:

(A) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only two may be coho salmon and only two may be sockeye salmon; except in the Buskin River drainage, effective September 30, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is five fish of which only two fish may be sockeye salmon;

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

On September 27 and 28, over 7,000 coho salmon were counted through the Buskin River weir, bringing the total weir count to over 10,500 fish as of September 28. The upper end of the escapement goal range of 3,200 to 7,200 fish has now been exceeded. Increasing the sport fish bag limit for coho salmon in the Buskin River from 2 fish to 5 fish is therefore justified.

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.