

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-24-06

Issued at: Dillingham, Tuesday, July 10, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-RS-5-02-06 issued on March 7. Effective 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2006, the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit in the Kvichak River drainage is 5 per day and 5 in possession, of which only two fish may be coho salmon.

In addition, this emergency order reopens sport fishing for sockeye salmon in four areas of the Kvichak River drainage that were closed to eliminate the potential for conflict between sport and subsistence fisheries.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-5-02-06 is rescinded.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Craig Schwanke
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Kvichak River Drainage Sockeye Salmon Management Plan directs the department to manage the Kvichak River recreational fishery with existing sport fishing regulations when the escapement is projected to exceed the Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) of two million sockeye (red) salmon. The cumulative sockeye salmon passage through 6:00 a.m., July 10, was 1.67 million fish and the Department is now projecting an escapement in the Kvichak River drainage in excess of 2 million fish. In accordance with the Kvichak River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5AAC 67.025) the Kvichak River drainage sockeye salmon sport fishery bag limit is five per day and five in possession.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-RS-5-02-06, which reduced the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon from five per day and five in possession to two per day and two in possession, and closed the waters in four areas of the Kvichak River drainage to sport fishing for sockeye salmon, is rescinded.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; and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.