

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-11-06

Issued at: Kodiak,  
Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2006

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2006, unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Ayakulik River from three daily, three in possession to one per day, one in possession, effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA (a) (1) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 15 through 11:59 p.m., December 31:

### **5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.**

(a) (1) (C) in the Ayakulik River, from 12:01 a.m., June 15 through December 31, 2006, the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Because of the weak return to the Ayakulik River, the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or longer is reduced from 3 daily and 3 in possession to 1 fish, effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2006. The Department anticipates that reduction of the king salmon bag and possession limit from 3 per day to 1 should provide an additional 200 king salmon to the spawning escapement into the Ayakulik River.

The biological escapement goal for king salmon in the Ayakulik River is 4,800 to 9,600 spawning fish. The weir count as of June 11 was only 272 fish, significantly below the anticipated count of 1,900 fish that is needed to project that the minimum escapement goal will be reached by the end of the season.

The department is continuing to monitor the Ayakulik River king salmon escapement. While there is a possibility that the run timing of the Ayakulik king salmon return is simply late, if returns do not significantly improve within the next week, additional restrictions to the sport fishery may be imposed.

DISTRIBUTION:

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