

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-32-06

Issued at: Kodiak,
Friday, July 28, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006

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2006 unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Chignik River drainage from 3 daily and in possession, only 2 of which may be over 28" in length, to 5 daily and in possession. In addition, the king salmon spawning ground closure has been removed from the Chignik River drainage and the entire drainage is now open to king salmon fishing for the remainder of the year.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.010 (b): and 5AAC 65.020 (1) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning Friday, July 28 at 12:01 a.m., through Sunday, December 31, 2006:

5 AAC 65.010. FISHING SEASONS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.

5 AAC 65.010 (b) King salmon may be taken in fresh waters only from January 1 through July 25, except that king salmon may be taken in the Chignik River from January 1 through December 31.

5AAC 65.020 BAG LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS, AND SIZE LIMITS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.

5AAC 65.020 (a)(1) king salmon: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 daily and in possession 28 inches or more in length; 5 fish annual limit, except in the Chignik River drainage, 5 per day, 5 in possession 20 inches or more in length, 5 fish annual limit for fish 20 inches or more in length.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 spawning fish. The current weir count as of July 24 is 2,750 fish. Using recent run timing data, it is possible to project an-end-of-the-season king salmon weir count of 3,200, which should result in a spawning escapement above the upper end of the goal, even if sport fishing opportunities are increased. For this reason, addition sport fishing harvest opportunity is warranted and the daily bag and possession limit for the Chignik River drainage is being increased to 5 per day and the season has been extended to the end of the year.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.