

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-14-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,  
June 20, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 22, 2006

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2006, unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the sport fishing bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Afognak River drainage and nearby marine waters of Afognak Bay to one fish per day and in possession.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (c) (3) are added to by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 22 through December 31, 2006

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

(c)(3) for sockeye salmon of any size, only one fish may be taken per day and only one fish may be in possession in the Afognak River drainage and in the salt waters of Afognak Bay inside of a line from Settlement Point (58° 03.00 N lat., 152° 43.70' W long.) to Otrubistoi Point (58° 02.00' N lat., 152° 45.50' W long.).

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon weir counts (8,085 fish as of June 18) indicate that the minimum escapement goal into the Afognak River drainage might not be achieved. The current weir count and average run timing information allow the department to project that the escapement by the end of the season may be significantly less than the 20,000 fish minimum escapement goal.

In recognition that the current projection is significantly below the minimum escapement goal, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in Afognak River drainage and nearby marine waters is being reduced to one fish. The department will continue to monitor sockeye escapement into the Afognak River drainage and, if necessary, will impose additional fishing restrictions to achieve the minimum escapement goal.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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