

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-15-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
June 21, 2006

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., July 15, 2006,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency  
order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 22, through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 15, five sockeye salmon may be harvested and possessed per day.

### REGULATION:

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

#### **5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR 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, from June 22 through July 15, 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 coho salmon;

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into Buskin Lake is a range of 8,000 to 13,000 fish. As of June 20, 9,347 sockeye salmon have entered Buskin Lake. Based on historical return timing, current projections indicate that 14,500 sockeye could escape into Buskin Lake. This escapement level is more than the upper end of the escapement goal range. In order to provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage will be increased to allow for the harvest of five sockeye salmon over 20 inches in length per day. (Regulations currently allow for anglers to harvest 10 salmon under 20 inches in length.) This emergency order will be in effect beginning Thursday, June 22 through Saturday July 15.

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.