

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-30-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
July 25, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2006

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2006, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This action reopens the Afognak River drainage and the marine waters of Afognak Bay to sport fishing for sockeye salmon and returns the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to 5 fish daily and 10 in possession.

REGULATION:

Emergency Orders 2-RS-4-14-06 and 2-RS-4-18-06 are rescinded.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: A late season count of 2,387 sockeye salmon passed the Afognak River weir on July 22, bringing the total count to 20,981 fish. The escapement goal range for the Afognak River is 20,000 to 50,000 sockeye salmon. Since the minimum escapement goal has been achieved, the sockeye salmon sport fishery will be reopened effective Wednesday, July 26. The bag and possession limits will return to 5 salmon per day and 10 in possession.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This Emergency Order rescinds two previous Emergency Orders: Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-18-06, which closed the sockeye salmon sport fishery, and which superceded Emergency Order No: 2-RS-4-14-06, which reduced the bag limit.

DISTRIBUTION:

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