

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-29-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday,  
July 24, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2006

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2006, unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Buskin River drainage above Bridge 1 to salmon fishing, beginning 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1. The Buskin River drainage above Bridge 1 is normally closed to sport fishing for salmon from August 1 to September 15 each season. Effective August 1, the entire Buskin drainage will remain open to sport fishing for salmon for the remainder of the year.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (b) (1) (B) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2006 through 11:59 p.m., December, 31, 2006:

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

(b) (1) (B) the Buskin River drainage upstream of Bridge 1 is open to fishing for salmon August 1 through December 31.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Over the past 10 years, coho salmon weir counts in the Buskin River have been very strong, ranging from 8,000 to 16,000 fish, with an average annual return of 12,000 fish. The current escapement goal is a range 3,200 to 7,200 spawning adults. For the past 10 years, the upper bound of the current escapement goal range was exceeded by an average of more than 4,000 coho salmon. With this year's return, the department is again anticipating that the upper end of the escapement goal will be exceeded. There is no need to restrict sport harvest by closing waters above Bridge number 1 to salmon fishing during the August 1 – September 15 time period. The Buskin River drainage will therefore remain open to salmon fishing throughout the year.

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.