

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-47-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,  
September 7, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday September 9, 2006

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2006, unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for coho salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning Saturday, September 9, five coho salmon may be harvested and possessed per day.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (a) (2) (A) are superceded to read: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 where 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 sockeye salmon;

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

As of September 7, the weir count for coho in the Buskin River is approximately 8,000 fish. The upper end of the escapement goal range of 3,200 to 7,200 fish has now been exceeded and escapement continues to occur. Since the upper end of the spawning goal has been achieved, increasing the sport fish bag limit for coho salmon in the Buskin River from 2 fish to 5 fish is justified.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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