

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-21-06

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
June 28, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., July 25, 2006,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency  
order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order decreases the king salmon limits in the Karluk River from three per day and three in possession to one king salmon per day and one in possession beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 1, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2006.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (b)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2006 through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2006:

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

(b) (7) In the Karluk River drainage, including Karluk lagoon, from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 25 the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish.

McKie Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: As of June 27, the king salmon escapement in the Karluk River was 3,002 fish, which is the second lowest on record for this time of year. Currently, the inriver sport harvest is estimated to be 450 fish. Daily escapement counts have been steadily declining and, as a result, the projection for the total spawning escapement has also declined. In order to allow for an ongoing sport harvest to occur while ensuring that the spawning escapement goal of 3,600 – 7,300 king salmon is achieved at the end of the season, the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater is being reduced to one fish. This reduction in the inriver harvest potential is estimated to increase the spawning escapement by 200-300 fish.

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.