

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-40-06

Issued at: Palmer, Thursday, August 10, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 11, 2006

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December 31, 2006, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-25-06 which closed the Susitna River drainage to the retention of sockeye salmon. This emergency order allows anglers to retain sport caught sockeye salmon in all waters of the Susitna River drainage open to salmon fishing, and returns the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length to the limits previously established by regulation. This emergency order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 11, 2006.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-2-25-06 is rescinded, effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 11, 2006.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon escapement for the Susitna River drainage as measured by the department's Yentna River sonar project has exceeded the lower end of the escapement goal range of 90,000-160,000. As of August 9, 90,312 sockeye salmon have passed the sonar station. The Yentna River accounts for approximately 50% of the entire Susitna River drainage sockeye salmon return. Therefore, it is warranted to open the sockeye salmon sport fishery in the Susitna River drainage.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-RS-2-25-06, which prohibited the retention of sockeye salmon while sport fishing in all waters of the Susitna River drainage, is rescinded.

DISTRIBUTION:

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