

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-02-06

Issued at: Fairbanks Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2006

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006

Unless superseded by subsequent  
Emergency Order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order increases the sport fish bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length to two (2) fish in all waters of the Salcha River open to salmon fishing and the Tanana River within a 1/2 mile radius of the mouth of the Salcha River. This Emergency Order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2006.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 70.015 SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE TANANA RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA (b)(1)(A) are added by this Emergency Order. Under this Emergency Order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006:

5 AAC 70.015 SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE TANANA RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA

(b)(1) king salmon 20 inches or greater in length: the bag and possession limit is one fish;

(A) except in all waters of the Salcha River open to salmon fishing and the Tanana River within a 1/2 mile radius of the mouth of the Salcha River, where the bag and possession limit is 2 fish 20 inches or greater in length.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Audra L. J. Brase  
Lower Tanana River  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Recent assessments of the Salcha River component of the Yukon River king salmon run indicate considerable run strength. As of Wednesday morning, July 26, the estimated cumulative king salmon escapement in the Salcha River had exceeded the biological escapement goal (BEG) range (BEG) upper boundary of 6,500 fish by over 1,100 king salmon. Reports from the Tanana River downriver from Fairbanks indicate that king salmon are continuing to move toward the upriver tributaries.

Projected escapements based on current run strength indicate that the Salcha River king salmon stock can support an increased sport harvest during the remainder of the run with the escapement remaining above or within the BEG range.

This Emergency Order is issued under authority of 5 AAC 75.003(2)(A).

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