

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-25-07

Issued at: Dillingham, Thursday, July 5, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from two, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length, to one 20 inches or greater in length in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE BRISTOL BAY AREA. (g)(1) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007:

5AAC 67.022. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE BRISTOL BAY AREA.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

- (1) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is four fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length (jack salmon) is five fish;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jason E. Dye,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

These restrictions are made in accordance with 5 AAC 06.361, Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan, as adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The plan directs the Department to reduce the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from two, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length, to one 20 inches or greater in length in the sport fishery and to close the directed king salmon commercial fishery in the Nushagak District when the Department projects the total inriver return will be less than 75,000 fish. As described in the plan, this restriction is implemented to prevent the sport fishery from exceeding the 5,000-fish guideline harvest level when the projected inriver return is less than 75,000. Through July 4, a total of 46,407 king salmon have been

enumerated at the sonar at Portage Creek, and the total inriver return is not projected to reach 75,000 fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

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