

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-08-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for king salmon in both the Karluk and Ayakulik river drainages to one per day, one in possession, no size limit. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007.

The annual limit 5 king salmon 20 inches or longer and harvest record requirement remains in effect.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (a)(1)(C) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2007 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007:

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

(a)(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31, as follows:

(C) in the Karluk River and Ayakulik River drainages: bag and possession limit of one fish; no size limit;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for king salmon was not achieved in either the Karluk or Ayakulik rivers during the 2006 season. The king salmon bag and possession limits are being reduced pre-season in these rivers based upon an anticipated below-average return of king salmon to these two rivers again in 2007. This action will lower the sport harvest and help ensure that escapement objectives are met.

The Department will closely monitor returns in-season through Department counting weirs. The biological escapement goal for the Karluk and Ayakulik rivers are 3,600 – 7,300 and 4,800 – 9,600 king salmon, respectively. Typically by June 20, an accurate projection can be made on whether escapement goals will be achieved and additional restrictions or liberalizations of sport fishing harvest opportunities will be made at that time.

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