

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-17-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday, June 22, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 24, 2007

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December 31, 2007 unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 2-KS-4-08-07 issued May 22, 2007, and closes sport fishing for king salmon in the Karluk River drainage (including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream) for the remainder of the year, effective 12:01 a.m., Sunday June 24, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from Sunday, June 24 through Tuesday, July 31, 2007. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

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) and (a)(1)(D) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 24, 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)(C) in the Ayakulik River drainage: bag and possession limit of one king salmon; no size limit;

(a)(1)(D) in the Karluk River drainage, including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream; closed to fishing for king salmon; only unbaited, artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from June 24, 2007 through July 31, 2007; king salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: As of June 19, the king salmon escapement in the Karluk River was 841 fish, which is the lowest on record for this time of year. Using recent time of entry data, ADF&G is projecting that the spawning escapement goal of 3,600 – 7,300 king salmon will not be achieved; therefore, it is justified to close the king salmon sport fishery. The bait prohibition from the Karluk Lake outlet downstream to the ocean will help reduce the incidental hooking mortality of king salmon while anglers are fishing for other species. The bait prohibition will be in effect through July 31, 2007.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-4-08-07, which reduced the daily bag and possession limit on the Karluk and Ayakulik rivers to one king salmon is superseded by this emergency order.

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.