

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-22-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, July 2, 2007

Effective Date: 12:00 p.m., Monday, July 2, 2007

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December 31, 2007, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order supersedes Emergency Order No 2-KS/RS-4-19-07, issued June 25, 2007, and reopens the Ayakulik River to sport fishing for king salmon and reestablishes the regulatory bag and possession limits for king salmon as well. Under this Emergency Order, the limits for king salmon under 20 inches are 10 per day and 10 in possession, and for king salmon 20 inches or longer, the limits are three per day and three in possession, only two of which may be over 28 inches in length. This Emergency Order does not affect the Ayakulik River drainage sport fishery for sockeye salmon, nor the Karluk River drainage king salmon fishery, both of which remain closed.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (a)(2)(C) and (b)(1)(E) are added by this Emergency Order. Under this Emergency Order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:00 p.m., Monday, July 2, 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)(2)(C) except that the Ayakulik River drainage is closed to fishing for sockeye salmon from June 27 through December 31; sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

(b)(1)(E) the Ayakulik River drainage is open to fishing for king salmon and the use of bait will be permitted from noon, July 2, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2007. The Karluk River drainage is closed to sport fishing for king salmon from June 27 through December 31; only unbaited artificial lures may be used in the drainage from June 27 through July 31; 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: At 8:00 p.m. July 1, the Ayakulik weir count for king salmon was 4,832 fish. The unexpected strong showing of king salmon late in the return puts escapement estimates over the lower end of the escapement goal and justifies reopening the Ayakulik River drainage to sport fishing for king salmon.

This Emergency Order does not affect sport fishing for sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage, which remains closed. It also does not affect the Karluk River drainage, which remains closed to sport fishing for king salmon and to the use of bait.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-4-08-07, issued on May 22, 2007, which reduced the bag limit for king salmon to one per day in the Karluk and Ayakulik river drainages. Emergency Order 2-KS/RS-4-19-07, issued June 25, 2007, which closed sport fishing for king and sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage, as well as prohibited the use of bait.

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.