

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-28-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order decreases the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Chignik River drainage from three daily and in possession, only two of which may be over 28" in length, to one daily and in possession. In addition, the annual limit for king salmon over 20 inches in length in the Chignik River will be lowered from five to two.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020 (e) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning Wednesday, July 18 at 12:01 a.m., through Monday, December 31, 2007:

#### **5 AAC 65.020. BAG LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS, AND SIZE LIMITS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.**

5 AAC 65.020 (e) In the Chignik River drainage, the bag and possession limit for kings over 20 inches in length is 1 per day, 1 in possession with an annual limit of 2 fish.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

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

Leonard Schwarz,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The weir count as of July 15 is 782 fish. Using recent run timing data, current projections indicate that the minimum escapement goal may not be achieved. To help ensure that the

escapement goal is achieved the sport fish harvest is reduced by lowering the bag and possession limit for king salmon over 20 inches in length to one fish per day and in possession. The annual limit has also been reduced from five fish per year to two fish per year.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.