

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS/RS-4-19-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday,
June 25, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2007

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2007, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-17-07 issued on June 22, 2007. This emergency order closes sport fishing for king and sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage and king salmon in the Karluk River drainage effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2007. It also prohibits the use of bait in both drainages from June 27 through July 31, 2007, to reduce hooking mortality on king salmon.

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 (a)(2)(C) and (b)(1)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2007 through 11:59 p.m., 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; only unbaited artificial lures may be used in the drainage from June 27 through July 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 and Karluk River drainages are 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:

The Ayakulik River weir counts as of June 24 were 2,482 king salmon and 77,303 sockeye salmon. Based on historic run timing, current projections indicate that the escapement goal ranges of 4,800 – 9,600 king salmon and 200,000 – 500,000 sockeye salmon are unlikely to be achieved. As a result, all returning fish will likely be required for spawning escapement, and no harvestable surplus is expected.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-4-17-07, which closed sport fishing for king salmon in the Karluk River drainage (including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream).

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.