

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-14-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday  
June 14, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July  
15, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 15, the bag limit increases to five sockeye salmon per day, five in possession.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (a) (2) (A) WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2007 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 2007:

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

(a) (2) salmon, other than king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31 as follows: (A) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only two may be coho salmon and only two may be sockeye salmon; except in the Buskin River drainage, from June 15 through July 15, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is five fish, of which only two fish may be coho salmon;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into Buskin Lake is a range of 8,000 to 13,000 fish. As of June 13, nearly 6,700 sockeye salmon have been enumerated past the ADF&G weir and have entered Buskin Lake. Based on historical return timing the past 10 years, the run is 47% complete and current projections indicate that 14,100 sockeye could escape into Buskin Lake. This escapement level is above the upper end of the escapement goal range. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage will be increased from two sockeye salmon over 20 inches in length per day to five sockeye salmon over 20 inches in length per day.

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.