

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-21-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday,
June 29, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2007

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2007, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the recreational sockeye salmon fishery in the Afognak River drainage and adjacent marine waters of Afognak Bay, effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (c)(3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.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 THE KODIAK AREA.

(c)(3) The Afognak River drainage and the salt waters of Afognak Bay inside of a line from Settlement Point (58° 03.00 N lat., 152° 43.70' W long.) to Otrubistoi Point (58° 02.00' N lat., 152° 45.50' W long.) are closed to fishing for sockeye salmon. Any sockeye 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 26, the sockeye salmon weir count of 10,413 fish indicates that the minimum escapement goal into the Afognak River drainage will not be achieved. With approximately 75% of the return already past the weir, the Department projects that the Afognak River sockeye salmon escapement will not achieve the 20,000 fish minimum escapement goal.

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.