

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-38-07

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
September 18, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2007

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2007, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for coho salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning Wednesday, September 19, all five salmon which may be harvested and possessed per day in the Buskin River drainage may be coho 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)(A) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 19, 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) 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 where all five may be coho salmon;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of September 16, the weir count for coho in the Buskin River was over 6,000 fish. The Department is projecting that more than 10,000 coho salmon will enter the Buskin River drainage. The upper end of the escapement goal range of 3,200 to 7,200 fish is likely to be exceeded even if additional sport harvest opportunity is provided. For this reason, all five of the daily bag and possession limit may be coho in the Buskin River drainage.

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.