

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-35-07

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2007

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December 31, 2007, unless superseded by  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

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order prohibits the retention of sockeye salmon while sport fishing in all waters of the Susitna River drainage. This emergency order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2007.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.110. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE AREA (2)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2007:

#### **5AAC 61.110 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE AREA.**

(2) salmon other than king salmon,

(A) 16 inches or greater in length may be taken January 1 – December 31; the bag and possession limit is three fish per day, of which no more than two per day may be coho salmon; sockeye salmon of any length may not be retained or possessed;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Dave Rutz,  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Sockeye salmon escapement for the Susitna River drainage, as measured by the Yentna River sonar project, is approximately 60,613 through August 6. On average, approximately 95% of the escapement has passed the sonar by August 6. At this time, the total sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be approximately 63,573 fish, well below the Yentna River escapement goal range of 90,000 to 160,000 fish. The Yentna River accounts for approximately 50% of the entire Susitna River drainage sockeye

salmon return. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003, EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (1)(A), the department is authorized to decrease sport fishing bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to be less than the lower end of the escapement goal range.

**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.