

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-34-07

Issued at Cordova, Wednesday, August 8, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 10, 2007

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unless superseded by subsequent Emergency Order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the waters of Eshamy Lagoon and the Eshamy Creek drainage to the retention of sockeye salmon, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 10, 2007. This emergency order applies to the waters of Eshamy Lagoon inside ADF&G regulatory markers located on the lagoon shore approximately one-half mile on either side of the ADF&G cabin, upstream to and including the entire Eshamy Creek drainage.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA (1) (D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 10, 2007, through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2007:

### **5 AAC 55.023 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA.**

(1) The following provisions apply to salmon, other than king salmon:

(D) Eshamy Lagoon and Eshamy drainage: bag limit of six fish and possession limit of 12 fish, of which only three per day and three in possession may be coho salmon; no sockeye salmon may be retained. Any sockeye salmon caught incidentally may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian H. Marston  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The escapement goal range for Eshamy Creek sockeye salmon is 20,000 to 40,000 fish. Typically, as of August 6, the sockeye salmon escapement counted at the ADF&G weir is 30% complete with an average escapement of 8,722 fish. As of August 5, 2007, only 1,779 sockeye salmon passed the weir. Current projections indicate that the lower end of the escapement goal range will not be met. Rainfall, which often aids escapement, also continues to be low. In order to ensure the maximum likelihood of attaining the escapement objective, sport fishing for sockeye salmon will be prohibited until it can be projected that the goal will be met.

**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.