

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-24-07

Issued at Cordova, July 3, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., July 4, 2007

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unless superseded by a subsequent Emergency Order

### EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order increases the Coghill River drainage sockeye salmon daily bag and possession limits to 12 fish per day and 24 fish in possession. Additionally, this Emergency Order reduces the area closed to sport fishing near the Coghill River weir from 300 feet to 50 feet. These regulatory changes become effective at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2007.

### 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 (9) (A) (B) are added by this Emergency Order. Under this Emergency Order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 4, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., December 31:

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

(9) Coghill River Drainage:

(A) The daily bag limit for sockeye salmon in the fresh waters of the Coghill River drainage is 12 fish per day and the possession limit is 24 fish.

(B) The area closed to fishing at the Coghill River weir is reduced to 50 feet.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian H Marston,  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal range for Coghill River sockeye salmon is 20,000 – 40,000 fish. Based on current weir counts and historical run time data, it is projected that this escapement goal range will be exceeded. As of July 2, a cumulative total of 18,293 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on the Coghill River, compared to an anticipated cumulative total of 7,470. Using a five year average, the Coghill sockeye salmon run is typically only 31% complete by July 2. These data project a total run size exceeding 59,000 fish and therefore it is warranted to increase the sockeye salmon sport bag and possession limits.

### 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.