

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-3-02-07

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday,
January 26, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., May 1, 2007

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31, 2007, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

Beginning May, 1 2007, a sport fishing guide or sport fishing crew member working on a charter vessel in the salt waters of Southcentral Alaska may not retain fish while clients are on board the vessel. The maximum number of lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in guided sport fishing in salt waters may not exceed the number of paying clients on board the vessel. This prohibition will be in effect for all salt waters west of the longitude of Cape Suckling, including Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet, and the waters of the Kodiak Island area north of a line running from Cape Aklek on the Alaska Peninsula to Cape Ikolik on the western shore of Kodiak Island; and north and east of a line running from Cape Trinity to Cape Sitkinak.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023 (9), 5 AAC 58.022 (b) (4), 5 AAC 64.022 (b) (7), and 5 AAC 65.022 (d) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 A.M., May 1, 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

(9) A sport fishing guide and sport fishing crew member working on a charter vessel in salt waters of the Prince William Sound Area may not retain fish while clients are on board the vessel. The maximum number of lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in guided sport fishing in salt waters may not exceed the number of paying clients on board the vessel.

5 AAC 58.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COOK INLET — RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER AREA

(b)(4) A sport fishing guide and sport fishing crew member working on a charter vessel in salt waters of the Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area may not retain fish while clients are on board the vessel. The maximum number of lines that may be fished

from a vessel engaged in guided sport fishing in salt waters may not exceed the number of paying clients on board the vessel.

5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA

(b)(7) A sport fishing guide and sport fishing crew member working on a charter vessel in salt waters of the Kodiak Area north of a line running from Cape Aklek on the Alaska Peninsula to Cape Ikolik on the western shore of Kodiak Island; and north and east of a line running from Cape Trinity to Cape Sitkinak may not retain fish while clients are on board the vessel. The maximum number of lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in guided sport fishing in salt waters may not exceed the number of paying clients on board the vessel.

5 AAC 65.022 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR METHODS AND MEANS IN THE ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA

(d) A sport fishing guide and sport fishing crew member working on a charter vessel in salt waters of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area north of a line running from Cape Aklek on the Alaska Peninsula to Cape Ikolik on the western shore of Kodiak Island may not retain fish while clients are on board the vessel. The maximum number of lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in guided sport fishing in salt waters may not exceed the number of paying clients on board the vessel.

Denby Lloyd,
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:

Daniel Sharp,
Regional Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Pacific halibut Guideline Harvest Level for charter boat anglers within Southcentral Alaska was exceeded in 2006 and, based on preliminary information, will again be exceeded in 2007. While discussions are continuing between the Department and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to seek a long-term solution, it is recognized that federal action will not be soon enough to reduce halibut harvests in 2007. This action is being taken under the authority granted to the Department by the Board of Fisheries to regulate harvests within established allocation guidelines.

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.