

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-20-07

Issued at: Soldotna, Monday, July 23, 2007

Effective Date: 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the daily bag limit for salmon 16 inches or longer, other than king salmon, from three (3) per day, three (3) in possession to six (6) per day, twelve (12) in possession in all portions of the Kasilof River open to salmon fishing. No more than two (2) salmon per day and two (2) in possession may be coho salmon. This emergency order is effective beginning 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday August 7, 2007.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA (a)(8)(C) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday July 23, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2007:

### **5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA**

- (a)(8) Kasilof River drainage, excluding Crooked Creek and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries;
  - (C) salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit is six fish and possession limit is twelve fish, of which two per day and in possession may be coho salmon;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Robert N. Begich  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Department is forecasting a return of sockeye salmon to the Kasilof River in excess of 1.2 million fish. The biological escapement goal of 150,000-250,000 sockeye salmon has been exceeded in nine of the last ten years. As of July 22, a total of 197,333 sockeye salmon have been estimated to have passed the Kasilof River sonar station. Department staff projects that the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River will exceed 250,000 fish. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003 EMERGENCY ORDER

AUTHORITY (2)(A), the Department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the goal range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River sport fishery.

**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.