

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-03-07

Issued at: Soldotna, Monday, April 23, 2007

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the filleting, heading, mutilation or disfigurement of king salmon in such a manner that would prevent the determination of the overall length of king salmon until the fish is brought to shore and offloaded from a vessel or removed from a shoreline fishing location in the fresh waters of the Kenai River that are open to king salmon fishing. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2007.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.120. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA. (2)(A)(iv) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2007:

5 AAC 57.120. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA.

(2)(A)(iv) a person may not possess a king salmon that has been filleted, headed, mutilated, or otherwise disfigured in a manner that prevents determination of the length of fish taken until the fish is permanently offloaded from a vessel, if the fish was taken from a vessel, or permanently transported away from the fishing site, if the fish was taken from the riverbank; for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, "fishing site" means the riverbank where the fish was hooked and removed from the water, becoming part of the angler's bag limit;

Denby Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Larry Marsh,
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In order for the Department of Fish and Game to evaluate the implementation of the slot-limit harvest strategy for king salmon in the sport fishery, as well as to enforce bag and size limits, it is imperative that Department of Public Safety representatives be able to determine the length of harvested king salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

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