

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-SS-01-07

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday August 15, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Friday August 17, 2007

Expiration Date: October 15, 2007, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order increases the sport fish bag and possession limit for coho salmon to ten (10) fish in all waters of the Unalakleet River, effective 12:01 AM Friday August 17, 2007.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 70.011. SEASONS AND BAG, POSSESSION AND SIZE LIMITS FOR THE NORTHWESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA (c) (9) (C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 70.011. SEASONS AND BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS FOR THE NORTHWESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA.

(c)(9)(C) the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which only four fish in combination may be chum and sockeye salmon.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Brendan Scanlon
Northwest Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Escapement counts of coho salmon at the North River counting tower in the Unalakleet River drainage are more than twice the historic average. As of August 14th, 11,898 coho salmon had passed the tower. From 2002 – 2006 an average of 4,842 coho salmon had passed the counting tower by this date. Cumulative commercial harvests of coho salmon in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts are at record highs for this date, as are catches of coho salmon in the Unalakleet test fish net. Due to the high escapement of coho salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage and continued high catches in the commercial fishery an increase in the daily bag and possession limit for coho salmon from 4 to 10 fish is warranted.

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