

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-16-08

Issued at Sitka, Monday,
June 30, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
July 1, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
July 31, 2008, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the king salmon bag and possession limits in Silver Bay near Sitka and in the Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area in Chatham Strait to allow hatchery-produced king salmon to be harvested. From July 1 through July 31, the bag and possession limit is two king salmon of any size. King salmon caught by nonresident anglers during this time period, in these areas, do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

REGULATION: Notwithstanding 5AAC 47.020 (1) the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (6) The Hidden Falls Terminal Area, described as those waters, within two miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the range marker on South Point (south entrance to Kelp Bay) and north of a range marker located at 57° 06' 50" N. latitude (south of Takatz Bay).
 - (A) The bag and possession limit is two king salmon, no size limit.
 - (B) King salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by emergency order 1-KS-R-09-08.

- (7) In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point to Silver Point at 57° 00' 49" N. lat., 135° 18' 06" W. long.
 - (A) The bag and possession limit is two king salmon, no size limit.
 - (B) King salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by emergency order 1-KS-R-09-08.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
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JUSTIFICATION:

Hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to Hidden Falls and Medvejie Hatcheries in numbers that exceed hatchery brood stock needs. The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to increase bag limits and liberalize fishing methods in designated harvest areas to harvest hatchery-produced king salmon [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (B)]. Therefore, the department is increasing the king salmon bag and possession limit to two fish of any size to provide recreational anglers the opportunity to harvest these fish.

The Southeast King Salmon Management Plan [5AAC 47.055 (k)] authorizes the department to repeal the nonresident angler annual limit provisions in hatchery terminal harvest areas. Since the bag limit in Silver Bay and the Hidden Falls terminal harvest area is two king salmon, the nonresident annual limit provisions in these areas are repealed.

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