

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-06-08

Issued at Petersburg, Friday, April 25  
2008

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Thursday, May 1, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, July  
15, 2008, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for liberalizing sport fishing regulations for the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon exists. The 2008 preseason terminal forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is 46,100 fish, with a resulting U.S. allowable harvest of 15,400 large Stikine River king salmon as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. This level of allowable harvest dictates that from May 1 through July 15, all sport anglers may use two rods each with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan also provides for a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of two king salmon with an annual limit of five king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (3) are added by this emergency order and become effective at 12:01 A.M. Thursday, May 1, 2008.

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

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(3) In the District 8 area, defined as the marine waters of Frederick Sound south of a line from Wood Point to Beacon Point (excluding Wrangell Narrows), Sumner Strait east of a line from Point Alexander to Low Point, Stikine Strait north of the latitude of Round Point, Zimovia Strait north of the latitude of Nemo Point and Eastern Passage west of a line from Hour Point to Babbler Point.

(A) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler from May 1 through July 15;

(B) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a possession limit of six king salmon;

(C) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon; and an annual limit of five king salmon.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Douglas F. Fleming,  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when projections that the Stikine River king salmon run will exceed escapement needs and provide for an allowable catch. The 2008 preseason projection for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 46,100 fish with a U.S. allowable catch of 15,400 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission which allows the department to liberalize king salmon harvest opportunities for this area.

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