

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-16-08

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,  
July 9, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 14, 2008

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2008, unless superseded by subsequent  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-11-08 issued on June 17, 2008. This emergency order closes fishing for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 14, 2008.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (a)(1)(D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 14, 2008 through 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2008:

#### **5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.**

(a)(1)(D) the Ayakulik River drainage is closed to fishing for king salmon. King salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 6, the Ayakulik River weir count was 2,569 king salmon. Based on historical run timing, an average of 94% of the run has been counted past the weir by this date. Even assuming a late run timing for the 2008 king salmon run, the escapement goal of 4,800 – 9,600 fish is not expected to be achieved. As a result, all returning fish will be required for spawning escapement, and no further fishing mortality is warranted.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-4-11-08, which restricted the sport fishing for king salmon in the Ayakulik River to non-retention.

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.