

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-19-08

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Expiration Date: December 31, 2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit in the Saltery Cove drainage for sockeye salmon. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage will be 10 fish per day, 10 in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE FRESH AND SALT WATERS OF THE KODIAK AREA. (b) (5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE FRESH AND SALT WATERS OF THE KODIAK AREA.

(b) (5) In the Saltery Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 per day, 10 in possession, of which, no more than 5 may be pink and chum salmon, and 2 may be coho salmon.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Saltery Cove drainage is 15,000 to 30,000 fish. As of July 13, the weir count was 19,080 sockeye salmon, exceeding the lower end of the range. Based on historic return timing, the department is projecting the upper end of the escapement goal will be exceeded. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag and possession limit in the Saltery Cove drainage is increased to 10 per day, 10 in possession to allow for an increased harvest of sockeye salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

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