

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-20-08

Issued at: Dillingham, Tuesday, July 15, 2008

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

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2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon from 5 to 10 in all waters of the Naknek River drainage open to the harvest of salmon. The limit for other salmon, except king and sockeye salmon, remains at 5 per day, 5 in possession. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limits for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE BRISTOL BAY AREA. (d) (1) (C) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2008, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2008:

5AAC 67.022. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE BRISTOL BAY AREA.

(d) (1) In the Naknek River drainage, unless otherwise specified in this subsection, (C) 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, chum, and coho salmon;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jason E. Dye
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of sockeye salmon into the Naknek River has exceeded the sustainable escapement goal of 800 thousand – 1.4 million. Through July 13, over 2.2 million sockeye salmon have been counted at the Naknek River tower. As provided in 5 AAC 75.003 EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (2) (A), the Department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the goal range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Naknek River sport fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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