

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-21-08

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2008, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 Alagnak River drainage. The limit for other salmon, except king and sockeye salmon, remains at 5 per day, 5 in possession, of which, only 3 fish may be coho salmon. 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. (f) (2) are superseded by this emergency order.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.**

(f) In the Alagnak River drainage, the following special provisions apply:

(2) 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 3 may be coho salmon;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason E. Dye  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of sockeye salmon into the Alagnak River has exceeded the sustainable escapement goal of 320,000 past the Alagnak River counting tower. As of July 13, over 1.5 million sockeye salmon have been counted at the 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 Alagnak River sport fishery.

**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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.