

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-02-08

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2008,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the daily bag and possession limit, and the annual limit for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. The bag and possession limit is reduced to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length. The annual limit in the Ayakulik drainage for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two per year. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 2008, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 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 added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 2008 through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2008:

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

(a) (1) (D). In the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 – July 25, the limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one per day, one in possession. The annual limit in the Ayakulik River drainage for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two per year.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Leonard Schwarz  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Ayakulik River biological escapement goal of 4,800 – 9,600 king salmon was not achieved in 2006 and the count of 2,750 fish was the lowest count on record over the past 25 years. The 2007 escapement of 6,400 was within the escapement goal range, but was less than half the previous 10 year average of 13,400 king salmon. Based on current trends and the age class composition of the 2007 return, the department is anticipating another poor run in 2008. Therefore it is justified to restrict the Ayakulik River king salmon sport fishing limits to one king salmon per day, one in possession, 20 inches or greater in length with an annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length of two per year.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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