

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-14-09

Issued at Yakutat, Monday, June 22, 2009

Effective 12:01 a.m.  
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
December 31, 2009. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Situk River from June 23, through December 31, 2009.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (b)(6)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01a.m. Tuesday, June 23 through December 31, 2009:

### **5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.**

(b)(6) In the Situk River drainage,

(F) King salmon 20 inches or greater in length may not be retained. All king salmon caught, 20 inches or greater in length must be released immediately.

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian Marston  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon. The weir count through June 21 was only 47 large king salmon, which is below the lower escapement goal range for this date when 16% of the run is generally past the weir. Because escapement counts are below the low end of the desired escapement range, a prohibition on the retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the sport fishery is necessary to achieve desired escapement levels.

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