

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-18-09

Issued at Yakutat, Friday, July 17, 2009

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Saturday, July 18, 2009

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 Unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order raises the harvest limits for sockeye salmon on the Situk River to 6 per day and 12 in possession.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 5 AAC 47.023 (b) (8) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01a.m. Saturday, July 18 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.

5 AAC 47.023 (b) (8) is amended with the following language to read:

in the Lost River and Ahrnklin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahrnklin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of three fish and a possession limit of six fish, except that in the Situk River the bag limit is 6 sockeye salmon per day and the possession limit is 12 sockeye salmon.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian Marston
Yakutat Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal range for sockeye salmon on the Situk River is 30,000 to 70,000 fish. As of 7/16/09 more than 60,500 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River Weir. Average run timing data for sockeye salmon on the Situk River indicates that 30% of the run is still to come, and the escapement goal range will be exceeded. Raising the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits will increase harvest opportunity for sport anglers and will not put achievement of the escapement goal in jeopardy.

DISTRIBUTION:

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