

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-20-09

Issued at Yakutat, Thursday, July 23, 2009

Effective 12:01 a.m.  
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2009

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 Unless superseded by  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes a previous emergency order (1-KS-H-14-09) issued on June 22, 2009 and allows retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length below the Situk River Weir from July 25, through December 31, 2009.

REGULATION: The provisions of 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bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area (b)(6)(F) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01a.m. Saturday, July 25 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 above the Situk River Weir.

All king salmon 20 inches or greater in length caught above the Situk River Weir 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 Situk River weir count through July 22 was 712 large king salmon, which is within the escapement goal range. Analysis of average run timing data shows that more than 10% of the run is still to come. Current escapement projections indicate an escapement above the mid point of the escapement goal range, including additional king salmon harvests. Allowing sport harvest of king salmon below the Situk River Weir for the remainder of the season will not jeopardize achievement of the escapement goal.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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