

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-01-09.

Issued at Sitka, Wednesday, April 1,
2009.

Effective 12:01 A.M. Thursday,
Date: April 2, 2009.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
March 31, 2010 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2009 season is 1.33, which according to the plan dictates that the resident bag limit will be two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and resident anglers may use two rods from October 2009 through March 2010; the nonresident angler bag limit will be one king salmon 28 inches or greater; and the nonresident annual limit will be three king salmon.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 A.M. Thursday April 2, 2009. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) king salmon:

- (A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; from October through March; a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon;
- (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; with an annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan

prescribes management measures implemented by the department for the king salmon sport fishery based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2009 season is 1.33 which equates to 40,409 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. Given this harvest guideline, the plan provides for implementing a resident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and the opportunity for resident anglers to use two rods from October through March; a nonresident bag limit of 1 king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a nonresident annual limit of three of three king salmon 28 inches or greater.

These regulations are anticipated to be in effect for the remainder of the 2009 season and extend into the 2010 season to provide sport anglers regulatory stability.

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