

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-08-09

Issued at: Homer, Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes waters of the Anchor River drainage from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks to fishing and increases the closed area in the salt waters of Cook Inlet at the mouth of the Anchor River from 2 miles to 4 miles beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA (a)(2)(C) and (a)(2)(E) are superseded by this emergency order and the provisions of 5 AAC 58.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COOK INLET – RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER AREA (b)(1)(C) (iii) and 5 AAC 58.055 UPPER COOK INLET SALT WATER EARLY-RUN KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN (d)(3) are amended by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009:

5 AAC 56.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage except the Bridge Creek Reservoir:

(C) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks fishing is closed

(i) from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009;

(E) fishing is closed for king salmon from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009;

5 AAC 58.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COOK INLET – RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER AREA

(b)(1)(C) the following waters, within one mile of shore, are closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009:

(iii) from the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles north of the Anchor River at 59° 48.92' N. lat. to the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles south of the Anchor River at 59° 45.92' N. lat.

5 AAC 58.055 UPPER COOK INLET SALT WATER EARLY-RUN KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(d) The following waters, within one mile of shore, are closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009:

(3) from the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles north of the Anchor River at 59° 48.92' N. lat. to the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles south of the Anchor River at 59° 45.92' N. lat.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner



By delegation to:

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JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon escapement to the Anchor River through June 2, 2009, was 219 fish. This is well below the 2003-2008 average escapement count for this date of 2,884 king salmon or the range of escapements measured by June 2 during 2003-2008 of 1,074 to 4,847 king salmon. Each year since 2004, the entire king salmon escapement has been counted and 18 to 40 percent of the run passed upstream of the weir by June 2. Based on run projections which include this variable run timing information, between 600 and 1,200 fish are likely to escape to the Anchor River. This is considerably below the sustainable escapement goal threshold of 5,000. Therefore it is justified to close all waters of the Anchor River and the salt waters adjacent to the Anchor River mouth to sport fishing beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, when a majority of the remaining Anchor River king salmon are likely to return.

DISTRIBUTION:

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