

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-01-09

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25 2009,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes a non-retention sport fishery for king salmon in the Karluk River drainage, including the lagoon and its outlet stream. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, the use of bait is prohibited downstream of Karluk Lake.

This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (a)(1)(C) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday July 25, 2009:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(a) (1) (C). In the Karluk River drainage, including the lagoon and its outlet stream, king salmon may not be retained or possessed. King salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake. These restrictions are effective from June 1 through July 25, 2009.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Karluk River biological escapement goal of 3,600 – 7,300 king salmon was not achieved in 2006, 2007 or 2008. The escapement of 730 king salmon in 2008 was the lowest count on record, and department forecast models anticipate another poor return in 2009. Therefore it is justified to restrict the Karluk River king salmon sport fishery to non-retention and prohibit the use of bait downstream of Karluk Lake. These restrictions will be in effect from June 1 – July 25, 2009.

DISTRIBUTION:

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