

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-26-09

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2009, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the American and Olds rivers above the Chiniak Highway to fishing for king salmon. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 am, Thursday, August 6, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 23. The bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish with an annual limit of five king salmon. The bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches is 10 fish and these do not count toward the annual limit. Only king salmon may be retained, all other salmon species caught must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag and possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(1)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2009:

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

(b)(1)(A) all drainages on the Kodiak Road Zone from Monashka Creek to and including Chiniak Creek, but excluding the Buskin River and Kalsin Pond, upstream from the Chiniak Highway are closed to sport fishing for salmon from August 1 - September 15, except the American and Olds rivers, in which king salmon caught throughout each drainage may be retained beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2009;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

A number of enhanced king salmon in the American and Olds rivers above the Chiniak Highway will remain available for harvest following the regulatory upstream closure of these rivers to salmon fishing on August 1. Under the authority of 16.05.060 Emergency orders the commissioner may open a season or area by means of emergency orders. In order to facilitate the harvest of stocked king salmon in this terminal fishery extending the king salmon season in these waters is warranted. King salmon caught above the highway beginning August 6 may be retained in compliance with Kodiak freshwater king salmon bag, possession and annual limits.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.