

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-17-09

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
June 30, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday,
July 15, 2009, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon in the Karluk River drainage to two fish per day, four in possession. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (c)(3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS THE KODIAK AREA.

(c)(3) In the Karluk River drainage, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon are two fish per day, four in possession.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal range (BEG) for early-run sockeye salmon in the Karluk River is 110,000-250,000. Only 45,457 sockeye salmon have passed the Karluk River weir as of June 28. Even assuming a late run timing the total early-run escapement may not achieve the BEG. Therefore it is warranted to reduce the sockeye salmon sport fishery bag limit from five fish per day and ten in possession to two per day and four in possession.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

None.

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.