

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-28-09

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, October  
1, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday,  
December 31, 2009, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for coho salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 2, the daily bag limit for coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 10 fish per day, 10 in possession.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (a)(2)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2009 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009:

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

(a)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31, as follows:

(A) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only two may be coho salmon and only two may be sockeye salmon, except in the Buskin River drainage, in which the coho salmon bag and possession limit is 10 fish;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal range for coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 3,200 – 7,200 fish. As of September 27, the weir count for coho salmon in the Buskin Lake was more than 7,400 fish. It is likely the escapement will exceed 7,200 even if additional sport harvest opportunity is provided. For this reason, the coho salmon daily bag and possession limit is being increased to 10 in the Buskin River drainage. In superseding previous emergency order 2-RS-4-12 issued June 11, 2009, this emergency order reopens the Buskin River to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. However, as the sockeye run in the Buskin River is finished for 2009, it is not expected to impact sockeye salmon stocks.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-RS-4-12-09, which closed the Buskin River drainage to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

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.