

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-H-21-10

Issued at Yakutat, Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,
December 31, 2010. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the sport fishing bag and possession limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length in the Situk River from 2 to 4 fish.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (b) (6) (G) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12.01am Wednesday, September 22, 2010 through Friday, December 31, 2010.

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.

(b) (6) In the Situk River Drainage,

(G) The bag and possession limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length is 4 fish.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian H. Marston
Yakutat Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk River is managed for an escapement goal range of 3,300 to 9,800 coho salmon. Over 11,000 coho salmon were counted during a float survey on September 17. All indications are that the Situk River is experiencing a strong coho return this season and the total coho escapement is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal range. The Situk River sport coho salmon harvest will not reduce the escapement below the escapement range with the increased bag and possession limit.

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