

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-08-10

Issued at Petersburg, Thursday, May  
27, 2010.

Effective 12:01 A.M.  
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Saturday,  
July 31, 2010 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reduces the king salmon bag and possession limits for the terminal waters of the Wrangell Narrows and closes the fresh waters of Blind Slough to sport fishing as prescribed in the District 6: Wrangell Narrow-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. In the terminal waters of Wrangell Narrows, from June 1 through July 31, the bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, two king salmon less than 28 inches in length. Blind Slough is closed to all sport fishing.

REGULATION:

Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 33.381. District 6: Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan and 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions in 5 AAC 47.021(h)(3) are added, and the provision of 5 AAC 47.023(h)(1) is superceded, and become effective from 12:01 A.M., June 1, 2010 through 11:59 P.M., July 31, 2010:

**5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.**

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity,

(3) In the terminal waters of Wrangell Narrows in Section 6-A north and east of the northern tip of Woewodski Island (56° 36' N and 132° 59' W) and south of 56° 46' N. latitude,

- (A) From June 1 through July 31, the bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length; and,
- (B) the annual limit for nonresidents is 3 king salmon 28 inches or more in length.

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

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

- (1) all fresh waters of Blind Slough, upstream from a line between Blind Point and Anchor Point are closed to fishing from June 1 through July 31, 2010.

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Douglas Fleming  
Petersburg/Wrangell Area  
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sport fishery for hatchery produced king salmon in terminal waters of Wrangell Narrows and fresh waters of Blind Slough is managed under the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan (5 AAC 33.381). This plan distributes harvest of the Crystal Lake Hatchery king salmon run among sport and commercial troll fisheries while preserving a portion of the run for hatchery brood stock. In 2010, the Crystal Lake Hatchery king salmon return is projected to be 1,500 -1,700 fish. As prescribed in the plan, if the projected king salmon return to the terminal harvest area is between 1,000 and 2,000 fish, the Wrangell Narrow-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan (5 AAC 33.381) instructs the department to close the freshwaters of Blind Slough to sport fishing and set the bag and possession limit at two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length from June 1 through July 31 within the boundaries of the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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