

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-33-10

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
July 6, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July
25, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 2-KS-4-23-10, issued at Kodiak on June 23, 2010. Effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, July 7, 2010, through 11:59 pm, Sunday, July 25, 2010, Ayakulik River king salmon sport fishing limit is two king salmon per day, two in possession 20 inches or greater in length, and an annual limit of two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length per year. Any king salmon recorded before Wednesday, July 7, on the harvest portion of an Alaska sport fishing license or harvest card does not count against the two king salmon that may be harvested after Tuesday July 6, 2010. The limit for king salmon less than 20 inches remains at 10 per day, 10 in possession. In addition, the use of bait is prohibited in the Ayakulik drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(1)(E)(i) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2010 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 25, 2010:

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

(b) (1) (E) the Ayakulik and Karluk River drainage are closed to sport fishing for king salmon from July 26-December 31;

(i) In the Ayakulik River drainage, bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is 2 fish per day, 2 in possession with an annual limit of 2; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 64.025; only unbaited, artificial lures may be used.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 5, a total of 4,840 king salmon have passed the Ayakulik River weir. The escapement goal for the Ayakulik River is 4,800 to 9,600 king salmon. Since the escapement goal has been achieved, the king salmon sport fishery will reopen effective Wednesday, July 7. The bag and possession limits for king salmon 20 inches or greater is 2 king salmon per day. The annual limit is reduced to 2 king salmon and the use of bait is prohibited to ensure the harvest above the weir and release related mortality does not lower escapement below the goal.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Orders 2-KS-4-01-10, which restricted the king salmon sport fishery to non-retention and prohibited the use of bait, and 2-KS-4-23-10, which closed the king salmon sport fishery and prohibited the use of bait in the Ayakulik River drainage.

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.