

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-25-10

Issued at: Dillingham, Friday, June 25, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 27, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from 2 fish, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length, to 1 fish 20 inches or greater in length in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainage.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area. (g)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 27, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010:

#### **5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.**

- (g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:
  - (1) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is four fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length (jack salmon) is five fish;

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason E. Dye  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

These restrictions are made in accordance with 5 AAC 06.361. Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan. The plan directs the department to reduce the bag and possession limits for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from 2 fish, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length, to 1 fish 20 inches or greater in length in the sport fishery and to close the directed king salmon commercial fishery in the Nushagak District when the department projects the total inriver return will be

less than 75,000 fish. These restrictions are implemented so the sport fishery does not exceed the 5,000 fish guideline harvest level when projected inriver returns are less than 75,000 fish. Through June 24 an estimated total of 19,064 king salmon have passed the sonar at Portage Creek, and the total inriver return is not projected to reach 75,000 fish.

**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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.