

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-32-10

Issued at: Dillingham, Friday, July 2, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 5, 2010

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon and prohibits the use of bait in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainage effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 5 through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 31, 2010. This closure prohibits all sport fishing for king salmon, including catch-and-release fishing. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon accidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### 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 (g)(1) are superseded by this emergency order.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., Monday, July 5, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 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) sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon accidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;
  - (2) in the Nushagak River drainage upstream of its confluence of the Iowithla River, including the Iowithla River drainage, sport fishing for king salmon is closed.

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 close the sport fishery for king salmon and prohibit the use of bait if the spawning escapement of king salmon in the Nushagak River is projected to be less than 40,000 fish.

Through July 1, 2010 an estimated 24,646 king salmon have passed the sonar at Portage Creek, and the spawning escapement is projected to be less than 40,000 fish. Therefore, in accordance with the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan, it is justified to close the Nushagak River drainage to sport fishing for king 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 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.