

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-15-10

Issued at: Homer, Thursday, June 10, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in the Anchor River drainage from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2010. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-10-10 which prohibited the use of bait in the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River drainages remains in effect.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. (a)(2)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2010:

#### **5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.**

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage, except the Bridge Creek Reservoir:

(E) king salmon may not be possessed or retained from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2010;; king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



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### JUSTIFICATION:

The lower bound sustainable escapement goal for king salmon in the Anchor River is 5,000 fish. King salmon escapement through June 9, 2010, was 2,092 fish. King salmon runs to the Anchor River have only been estimated since 2004 and inter-annual variability in run timing results in uncertainty projecting if the Anchor River king salmon SEG will be attained in 2010. This year's king salmon run

is slightly behind the 2008 run though June 9 by 371 fish. The final escapement for 2008 was 5,806 fish. Therefore, it is warranted to prohibit retention of king salmon from the Anchor River beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2010, until more of the run develops and run projections have a greater level of precision.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-10-10 which prohibited the use of bait in the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River drainages, and increases the closed area in the salt waters of Cook Inlet at the mouth of the Anchor River from one to two miles north and south of the Anchor River mouth and one mile offshore remains effective.

**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.