

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-37-10

Issued at: Dillingham, Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01a.m., Thursday, July 15, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 three, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length, to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length; and reduces the annual limit of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from five to three fish in all waters of the Alagnak River drainage. If an angler has already harvested three or more king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from the Alagnak River drainage prior to Thursday, July 15, 2010, they may not harvest additional king salmon greater than 20 inches in the Alagnak River drainage during 2010. The limit for king salmon less than 20 inches remains at 10 per day, 10 in possession.

### 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 (f)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 15, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010:

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

(f) in the Alagnak River drainage the following special provisions apply:

(7) 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 is three.

Denby S. Lloyd,  
Commissioner

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

Craig J. Schwanke  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The lower bound sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 2,700 king salmon in the Alagnak River was not achieved in 2008 or 2009. Sport fishing reports for the Alagnak River through July 12 indicate poor king salmon fishing. In addition, king salmon runs throughout Bristol Bay appear to be below desired levels. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003. Emergency order authority (1)(A), the department may, by emergency order, decrease sport fish bag and possession limits, and annual limits and restrict methods and means of harvest for conservation reasons. Therefore, it is warranted to reduce the bag, possession and seasonal limit of king salmon in the Alagnak River sport fishery.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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