

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-KS-03-10

Issued at: Fairbanks, Friday, July 9, 2010

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

Expiration Date: July 26, 2010, unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters to sport fishing for king salmon in the Kwethluk and Tuluksak river drainages effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 12, through July 26, 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 incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area. (c)(1)(A)(i) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 12, 2010:

5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area.

(c)(9)(A)(i) In all waters of the Kwethluk and Tuluksak river drainages, effective 12:01 a.m. Monday July 12, 2010 sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon unintentionally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

John Chythlook
Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area Biologist

July 9, 2010

JUSTIFICATION:

Escapement counts of king salmon at the Kwethluk and Tuluksak river weirs are below the number necessary to achieve the escapement goals in the respective rivers. As of July 6th only 359 king salmon had passed the weir on the Kwethluk River and 15 king salmon had passed the weir on the Tuluksak River. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for the Kwethluk River is 6,000 to 11,000 king salmon and 1,000 to 2,100 king salmon for the Tuluksak River. Based on historic run timing the midpoint of the run is July 10th and current numbers of king salmon that have passed the weirs warrant closure of the king salmon sport fishery at this time.

The Department will continue to evaluate inseason run strength and take appropriate management actions to ensure that escapement requirements are met. If inseason stock assessment information indicates that the king salmon escapement goals in the Kwethluk and Tuluksak rivers will be met, restrictions will be relaxed.

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