

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-12.

Issued at Sitka, Thursday, March 29,
2012.

Effective 12:01 A.M. Friday,
Date: March 30, 2012.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday,
April 30, 2013 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2012 season is 1.52, which, according to the plan, dictates that the resident bag limit will be three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident angler bag limit will be two king salmon in May and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for the remainder of year; the nonresident annual limit will be four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. In addition a sport angler may use two rods from October through March.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (20) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 A.M. Friday March 30, 2012 through 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, April 30, 2013:

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) a sport fish angler may use two rods from October through March;
- (B) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in May 2012, and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in April 2012 and from June 2012 through April 2013; with an annual limit of four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures implemented by the department for the king salmon sport fishery based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2012 season is 1.52 which equates to 48,318 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. Given this harvest guideline, the plan provides for implementing a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag limit of 2 king salmon 28 inches or greater in May and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident annual limit of four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; and the opportunity for anglers to use two rods from October through March;

These regulations are anticipated to be in effect for the remainder of the 2012 season and extend into the 2013 season to provide sport anglers regulatory stability as mandated by the plan.

DISTRIBUTION:

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