

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-02-12

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday
March 21, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.,
Wednesday, July 25, 2012, unless
superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag, possession and annual limit for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. The bag and possession limit is reduced to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length. The annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is reduced to two fish. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2012 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak area.

(b)(7) in the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 – July 25, the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one, and the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River king salmon is 4,000 to 7,000 fish. Although the lower end of the BEG was achieved in 2011, escapement levels were not met in 2006-2009, and expected abundance of the 2012 run is well below the historical average. The recent poor king salmon runs and uncertainty over how quickly the run may recover justify starting the 2012 season with a bag and possession limit restriction of one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, and an annual limit of two fish. Increased harvest opportunity may be allowed by subsequent emergency order if inseason assessment of Ayakulik River king salmon indicates the run is stronger than anticipated.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

None

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.