

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-16-12

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday,
June 18, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday,
December 31, 2012, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit in the Afognak River drainage for sockeye salmon. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Afognak River drainage will be 10 fish per day, 10 in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(8) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

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

(b) (8) In the Afognak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 per day, 10 in possession, of which no more than 5 may be pink salmon, chum salmon or coho salmon.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Afognak River drainage is 20,000 to 50,000 fish. As of June 17 the weir count was approximately 22,650 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the department expects the final weir count to exceed the desired escapement level for this stock. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the Afognak River drainage is increased to 10 per day, 10 in possession to allow for an increased harvest of sockeye salmon.

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.