

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-47-12

Issued at Anchorage: Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 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Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 for salmon, other than king salmon, to 12 per day, 24 in possession, of which only three per day and in possession may be coho salmon, in the Coghill River drainage. Additionally, this emergency order reduces the area closed to fishing adjacent to the Coghill River weir to 50 feet. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area. (1)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012:

5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound area.

(1) The following special provisions apply to salmon, other than king salmon:

(F) Coghill River Drainage: bag limit of 12 fish, and possession limit of 24 fish, of which, only three per day and three in possession may be coho salmon; the waters within 50 feet of the Coghill River weir are closed to sport fishing.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sockeye salmon escapement goal for the Coghill River is 20,000 – 60,000 fish. As of July 23, an estimated 62,907 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on the Coghill River. An estimated 2,500 sockeye salmon are holding below the weir. The sockeye salmon run has exceeded the goal which warrants an increase in the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit and a reduction in the area closed to sport fishing adjacent to the weir.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.