

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-14-12

Issued at: Petersburg, Thursday, May
31, 2012

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Monday, June 4, 2012

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 Unless superseded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

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-05-12, issued at Petersburg on Thursday, April 26, 2012 and provided liberalized sport fishing regulations for king salmon in the salt waters of District 8. Effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 4, king salmon regulations in District 8 marine waters will revert to Southeast Alaska regional regulations established by Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-12 issued Thursday, March 29, 2012. Under Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-12, the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a nonresident annual limit of four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; and from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, all sport anglers may use two rods while fishing for king salmon.

REGULATION: Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-05-12 is rescinded.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Douglas F. Fleming,
Petersburg-Wrangell Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055), and the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The 2012 Stikine River king salmon preseason projected return of 40,800 large fish was released in December, 2011 and provided for an allowable catch of 5,890 large Stikine River king salmon under the provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The allowable catch stipulated liberalized sport fishing regulations to the District 8 waters for the sport fishery under the provisions of the Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan and enacted by Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-05-12. As of May 30, the department's inseason estimated terminal run size of 20,950 Stikine River king salmon does not provide an allowable catch, therefore liberalized regulations implemented by Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-05-12 are no longer justified under the provisions of the Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-05-12. Emergency Order number 1-KS-R-02-12 which established general provisions for season and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area remains in effect.

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