

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-40-12

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, July 12,
2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, July 15, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday,
August 9, 2012 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

In the Chignik River drainage, king salmon 20 inches or greater in length may not be retained or possessed. King salmon 20 inches or greater in length caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Additionally, the use of bait is prohibited. The bag limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length remains at 10 per day, 10 in possession, no annual limit.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020 (f) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, July 15 through August 9, 2012:

5 AAC 65.020. BAG LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS, AND SIZE LIMITS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.

(f) In the Chignik River drainage, downstream to Mensis Point and including Chignik and Black lakes and their tributaries, king salmon 20 inches and greater in length may not be retained or possessed. King salmon 20 inches or greater in length caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately; the use of bait is prohibited.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The weir count as of July 11 was 298 king salmon, which is the lowest count on record for this time period. Based on historical run timing, approximately 40% of the escapement has occurred by July 11, and the current weir counts indicate that the BEG will not be achieved. In order to reduce the harvest of king salmon the inriver sport fishery is restricted through August 9, when it closes by regulation, to nonretention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and the use of bait is prohibited.

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.