

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-24-12

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday June 25,
2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012

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December 31, 2012 unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order liberalizes the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon 20 inches or greater in length. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is five fish per day, five in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (a)(2)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012:

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

(a)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31, as follows:

(A) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only two may be coho salmon and only two may be sockeye salmon, except in the Buskin River drainage, in which the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit is five fish;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal range for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 – 8,000 fish. As of June 24, the weir count for sockeye salmon into Buskin Lake was more than 5,632 fish. The department is projecting the escapement will exceed 8,000 even if additional sport harvest opportunity is provided. For this reason, the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit is being increased to 5 fish in the Buskin River drainage.

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.