

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-13.

Issued at Sitka, Thursday, April 4,
2013.

Effective 12:01 A.M. Monday,
Date: April 8, 2013.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
April 30, 2014 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12, issued March 29, 2012, and establishes resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery. The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2013 season is 1.20, which, according to the plan, requires that the bag limit will be one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. The nonresident harvest limit will be three king salmon 28 inches in length from January 1 through June 30; two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from July 1 through July 15; and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length July 16 through December 31. In addition a resident may use two rods from October through March.

REGULATION: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12 is rescinded, and consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (20) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 A.M. Monday April 8, 2013 through 11:59 P.M. Wednesday, April 30, 2014:

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) The bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) From January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's harvest limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) From July 1 through July 15, a nonresident's harvest limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the two fish harvest limit;
- (D) From July 16 through December 31, a nonresident's harvest limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply toward the one fish harvest limit.
- (E) Immediately upon landing and retaining a king salmon nonresidents must enter the species, date and location, in ink, on the back of their sport fishing license or harvest record.

(F) from October through March; a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a resident using two rods may only retain king salmon.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures implemented by the department for the king salmon sport fishery based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2013 season is 1.20 which equates to 32,466 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. Given this harvest guideline, the plan provides for implementing a bag limit of one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident harvest limit that decreases from three to one fish during the season; and the opportunity for resident anglers to use two rods from October through March;

These regulations are anticipated to be in effect for the remainder of the 2013 season and extend into the 2014 season.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12 established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits, nonresident king salmon annual limits and established a time frame for the use of two rods as per the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management plan based on the 2012 abundance index.

DISTRIBUTION:

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