

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-II-20-13

Issued at Yakutat, Monday, July 15, 2013

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
December 31, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-II-04-13 issued on May 10, 2013. This emergency order also prohibits retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Situk River sport fishery upstream of the Situk River weir. The retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is allowed below the weir under existing regulation.

REGULATION:

This emergency rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-II-04-13. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 16 through December 31, 2013:

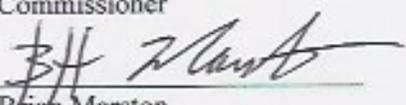
5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.

(b)(6) In the Situk River drainage,

(F) King salmon 20 inches or greater in length may not be retained above the Situk River weir. All king salmon 20 inches or greater in length caught above the Situk River Weir must be released.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Brian Marston
Yakutat Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon. The Situk River weir count through July 14 was 743 large king salmon, which is within the escapement goal range. Current escapement projections indicate an escapement above the mid point of the escapement goal range (730 large king salmon), after taking into account additional harvest. Allowing sport harvest of king salmon below the Situk River weir for the remainder of the season will not jeopardize achievement of the escapement goal.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-04-13 which closed the king salmon sport fishery for the entire Situk River drainage for fish 20 inches or greater in length. This closure is no longer necessary to ensure the escapement goal will be met.