

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-23-13

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, June 21, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for salmon, other than king salmon, from three per day, three in possession to six per day, twelve in possession in that area of the Kenai River upstream from Skilak Lake to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing and the Russian River from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G marker located approximately 600 yards downstream from the Russian River Falls. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. (3)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013:

#### **5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

(3)(A) in waters of the Kenai River upstream from Skilak Lake to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing, including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth, and the Russian River from its confluence with the Kenai River upstream to an ADF&G marker located approximately 600 yards downstream from the Russian River Falls, the bag limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per day, and twelve in possession, of which only one per day and in possession may be a coho salmon;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Robert N. Begich  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

A total of 23,700 early-run sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir to date. Based on average run timing, the escapement is approximately 40% complete and currently projected to exceed the escapement

goal of 22,000 to 42,000 fish. Escapement rates through the weir and stream survey information support the projection that the early-run Russian River sockeye salmon escapement goal will be exceeded. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003. *Emergency order authority* (2)(A), the department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to provide additional harvest opportunity and increase the bag and possession limits.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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