

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-15-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, June 11,  
2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2013

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December 31, 2013 unless superseded by  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for sockeye salmon 20 inches or longer. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, the bag 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. (b)(9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2013:

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

(b)(9) in the Buskin River drainage the limit for sockeye salmon 20 inches or longer is five per day, five in possession;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 – 8,000 fish. As of June 10, the weir count for sockeye salmon into Buskin Lake was approximately 4,000 fish. The department is now 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 five in the Buskin River drainage.

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.