

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-40-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, July 18, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday,  
July 25, 2013 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in all waters of the Nelson (also known as Sapsuk) River drainage effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013. This closure prohibits all sport fishing for king salmon. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area (e) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013.

#### **5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.**

(e) In the Nelson (also known as Sapsuk) River drainage from July 20 through July 25, fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught incidentally be may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for Nelson (also known as Sapsuk) River king salmon is 2,400 to 4,400 fish. As of July 16 only 1,216 king salmon have passed the weir. Although the inriver sport fishery is nonretention, and gear is limited to only one single-hook, artificial lure for king salmon by regulation, additional measures are necessary to further reduce king salmon mortality. In order to conserve escapement it is warranted to close the Sapsuk River drainage to fishing for king salmon.

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.