

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-11-13

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday, July 22, 2013

Effective date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Expiration Date: December 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 3-KS-09-13, issued July 9, 2013 and is effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2013. This emergency order allows the use of bait in all tributaries of the Yukon River (excluding the Tanana River drainage) and reopens these tributaries with a bag limit of one king salmon. All waters of the mainstem Yukon River remain closed to sport fishing for king salmon.

All king salmon caught unintentionally while fishing for other species from the mainstem Yukon River may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 73.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Yukon River Area. (b)(1) are superseded and (c)(7) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012:

#### **5 AAC 73.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Yukon River Area.**

(b)(1) king salmon: the bag and possession limit is one fish.

(c)(7) in the mainstem of the Yukon River, sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon caught unintentionally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

by delegation to:



John M. Burr  
Yukon River Area Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The first and second pulses of king salmon have now migrated through areas in the Yukon River drainage (except for the Tanana River drainage) where sport fisheries for king salmon occur. By Wednesday, July 24, subsistence fisheries in all of the Yukon drainage except for District Y-5d (upstream of Dalton Highway bridge) will have returned to normal fishing schedules or will be continually open. Commercial fisheries targeting chum salmon with 6 inch and smaller gillnets and with fish wheels are currently being conducted in various mainstem districts of the Alaskan portion of the Yukon River. Rescinding the prohibition of bait to allow targeting other species of salmon and other freshwater fish and returning to the preseason reduced bag limit of one king salmon are warranted with the migration of king salmon now past areas where sport fishing occurs.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 3-KS-09-13 which prohibited the retention of king salmon and the use of bait in all tributaries of the Yukon River (excluding the Tanana River drainage) and closed the mainstem Yukon River to sport fishing for king salmon.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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