

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-35-14

Issued at: Soldotna, Thursday, July 3, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for salmon 16 inches or longer, other than king salmon, from three per day, three in possession to six per day, twelve in possession in all portions of the Kasilof River open to salmon fishing. No more than two salmon per day, two in possession may be coho salmon. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area (a)(8)(D) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014.

5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area

- (a)(8) Kasilof River drainage, excluding Crooked Creek and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries;
(D) salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit is six fish per day, twelve in possession, of which two per day and in possession may be coho salmon;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The optimal escapement goal on the Kasilof River is 160,000-390,000 sockeye salmon. As of July 2, a total of 155,695 sockeye salmon have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. The current escapement level of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate that is projected to exceed the optimal escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for the Kasilof River sockeye salmon sport fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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