SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-04-15

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, April 04, 2015

Expiration Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the king salmon bag and possession limit in the marine waters of District 11 to one fish, and prohibits king salmon fishing in upper Taku Inlet from April 4 to June 30.

REGULATION:

This emergency order supersedes 5AAC 47.021. (e)(2) and adds the following provisions:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the waters of district 11, as described in 5AAC 33.200(k)

(3) the resident and nonresident bag and possession limit is 1 king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;

(A) king salmon in the waters north of a line from Cooper Point to the mouth of Dorothy Creek, king salmon may be taken only from July 1 – March 31.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Daniel J. Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION

Taku River king salmon production is poor at this time. The 2015 preseason forecast for the total terminal run is 26,100 king salmon. But taking into account average forecast error, the lower end of the escapement goal is unlikely to be met unless harvests of Taku River king salmon are reduced. The current regional bag limits, set under the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) during years when treaty king salmon abundance is high, are not appropriate in areas where local king salmon stocks are in a period of low productivity; therefore, the king salmon bag and possession limit is being reduced to one fish in District 11.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.