

## EXCERPTS FROM BRISTOL BAY MANAGEMENT PLANS PERTAINING TO SPORT FISHERIES (Additional provisions of these plans not listed here restrict commercial and subsistence activities)

### Nushagak-Mulchatna chinook salmon management plan (5 AAC 06.361)

If the total inriver chinook salmon return is projected to exceed 75,000 fish, then:

- no sport fishery guideline harvest level applies.

If the total inriver chinook salmon return is projected to be between 55,000 and 75,000 fish, then:

- the sport fishery guideline harvest level will be 5,000 fish **20 inches or longer**;
- a daily bag limit of 1 per day, 1 in possession for chinook salmon **20 inches or longer** will be applied to the sport fishery.

If the total inriver chinook salmon return is projected to be fewer than 55,000 fish, and spawning escapement is projected to be more than 40,000 fish, then:

- the sport fishery may be further limited by emergency order (EO) to insure the harvest does not exceed 5,000 fish (20 inches or longer) and that projected spawning escapement does not fall below 40,000 fish. EOs may reduce bag and possession limits, allow only catch-and-release fishing, prohibit use of bait, reduce times and areas open to fishing, or close the sport fishery.

If the spawning escapement is projected to be fewer than 40,000 fish, then:

- the sport fishery will be closed by emergency order. ☐

### Nushagak River coho salmon management plan (5 AAC 06.368)

If the total inriver return of coho salmon is projected to be greater than 100,000 fish by August 25, then:

- no sport fishery guideline harvest level applies.

If the total inriver return of coho salmon is projected to be at least 60,000 fish, but fewer than 100,000 fish, by August 25, then:

- the sport fishery will have a guideline harvest level of 2,000 coho salmon;
- the sport fishery may be limited by emergency order (EO) so that harvest does not exceed 2,000 fish. EOs may reduce bag and possession limits, allow only catch-and-release fishing, prohibit use of bait, reduce times and areas open to fishing, or restrict terminal tackle to single-hook, artificial lures.

If the total inriver return of coho salmon is projected to be fewer than 60,000 fish on August 25, then:

- the department will close the coho salmon sport fishery in the Nushagak River drainage. ☐

### Kvichak River sockeye salmon management plan (5 AAC 67.025)

If escapement is projected to be 2.0 million sockeye salmon or greater, then:

- existing sport fishery regulations shall be in effect.

If sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be fewer than 2.0 million, then:

- the sport fishery will have a guideline harvest level of 15,000 sockeye salmon.
- the department shall issue EOs to reduce the bag limit from 5 sockeye salmon to 2; and
- the department shall close waters within the Kvichak River drainage to sport fishing for sockeye salmon where there is a potential for conflict between the sport and subsistence fisheries. These waters include, but are not limited to:
  - Alexcy Creek, and all waters within 150 yards of its confluence with the Newhalen River;
  - waters of Sixmile Lake and ¼ mile downstream of Sixmile Lake in the Newhalen River, including the lower ¼ mile of the Tazimina River;
  - all waters within ½ mile of the confluence of the Gibraltar River with Lake Iliamna;
  - Kvichak River waters adjacent to the community of Igiugig, as posted between department markers.

If, in addition to projecting an escapement of fewer than 2 million sockeye salmon, the Naknek/Kvichak district is closed to commercial fishing for 10 consecutive days, the department shall consider the following additional restrictions to the sport fishery:

- reduction of the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to 1 per day, 1 in possession;
- closure of additional areas sensitive to conflict with subsistence users;
- a spawning season closure;
- closure of the sockeye salmon sport fishery in the entire Kvichak River drainage. ☐

### Emergency Orders defined

The Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game or an authorized designee may open seasons or areas, close seasons or areas, change tackle restrictions, or change bag and possession limits by emergency order (EO). EOs may be required because an immediate biological conservation concern exists that cannot wait to be addressed by the normal Board of Fisheries process. ADF&G realizes that EOs may cause disappointment for anglers. We urge you to stay informed. EOs are announced in newspapers, by radio, recorded ADF&G hotlines, the ADF&G website, and at ADF&G offices. For information on Bristol Bay area EOs, call the hotline at (907) 842-7347. ☐