

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-03-08.

Issued at Juneau, Tuesday April 8,
2008.

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
April 9, 2008.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday,
March 31, 2009 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2008 season is 1.07, which according to the plan dictates that the bag limit will be one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for all anglers. The king salmon harvest limit for nonresident anglers will be three fish from January 1-June 30, two fish from July 1-July 15, and one fish July 16-December 31. Any king salmon harvested during earlier time periods will apply toward the current and future time periods. A maximum number of four lines may be fished from a charter vessel from May 1 through June 30.

In addition, from August 1 through September 30, any king salmon harvested must be 48 inches or greater in length; except that from August 15 through August 25, an angler will be allowed a bag and possession limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length in some inside areas. These harvest restrictions apply to all salt waters in the Southeast Alaska area, except terminal harvest areas that are established by emergency order to harvest excess Alaskan hatchery king salmon.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (18) are added and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.030 (g)(2) are superseded by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday April 9, 2008. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(18) king salmon:

(A) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is 1 fish 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) nonresident harvest limit;

(i) From January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

- (ii) From July 1 through July 15, a nonresident's harvest limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the two fish harvest limit;
 - (iii) From July 16 through December 31, a nonresident's harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply toward the one fish harvest limit.
- (C) from May 1 through June 30 the maximum number of lines that may be fished from a charter vessel engaged in sport fishing charter activities is four lines;
- (D) from August 1 through September 30, the retention of king salmon less than 48 inches in length is prohibited by resident and nonresident anglers, except that from August 15 through August 25, an angler is allowed a bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, in the following areas:
- (i) Lynn Canal north of a line from Point Couverden to point Lizard Head to a line from Point Bridget to Point Whidby;
 - (ii) Taku Inlet west of a line from Cooper Point to Greely Point;
 - (iii) Stephens Passage north of a line from Gwen Point to Point Styleman;

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures implemented by the department for the king salmon sport fishery based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2008 season is 1.07 which equates to 31,350 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. This is a 48 % reduction in the number of king salmon allocated to the sport fishery in 2007. The department must enact all prescribed management measures for abundance indices below 1.1 and above 1.0 to satisfy the mandates of the plan. These regulations are anticipated to be in effect for the remainder of the 2008 season.

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