

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-01-06

Issued at : Juneau, February 06, 2006

Effective 12:01 AM Tuesday,
Date: February 7, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 PM, December 31,
2006, unless superseded by subsequent
Emergency Order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for resident anglers, and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for nonresident anglers in the salt waters of Southeast Alaska. It also establishes an annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for nonresidents in salt waters of Southeast Alaska and in all fresh waters between Cape Suckling and Cape Fairweather.

REGULATION: Under the guidelines of 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan:

(c) when the king salmon abundance index is greater than 1.2, the commissioner shall by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

- (1) a resident bag limit of two king salmon;
- (2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon; and
- (3) a nonresident annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Rolland Holmes
Regional Supervisor
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in Southeast Alaska is managed under the directives of the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan allows the department to establish management measures for the sport fishery each year based on the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee (CTC) of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The plan establishes a bag and possession limit of two king salmon for resident anglers and a bag and possession limit of one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for nonresident anglers. It also establishes an annual limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for nonresidents when the abundance index is greater than 1.2. The 2005 abundance index was 2.05.

Under the plan, bag and possession limits and other measures for the coming year are based on the previous year's preseason abundance index until the following year's preseason abundance index becomes available. Therefore, the bag, possession and annual limits implemented during 2006 will remain in effect until the 2006 preseason abundance index is formalized. The 2006 index is expected by May 1, 2006. At that time, management measures for the remainder of the year will be implemented.

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