

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-06-11

Issued at Petersburg, Friday, April 29
2011.

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Sunday, May 1, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday, July
15, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for liberalizing sport fishing regulations for the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon exists. The 2011 preseason terminal forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is 30,000 fish, with a resulting U.S. allowable harvest of 190 large Stikine River king salmon as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. This level of allowable harvest dictates that from May 1 through July 15, all sport anglers may use two rods each with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan also provides for a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of two king salmon with an annual limit of six king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. In the marine waters outside of District 8, the provisions of Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-11 issued on March 31, 2011 remain in effect.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.057., in the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 33.200(h), the provisions in 5 AAC 47.021(h)(3) are added, and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.036(c) are superseded, and become effective from 12:01 p.m. Sunday, May 1 through Friday, July 15, 2011 unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order:

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

(h):In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity,

(3) In the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 33.200.(h);

(A) as specified in 5AAC 47.057. the following king salmon regulations are in effect May 1-
July 15:

(i) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler from May 1 through July 15;

(ii) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a possession limit of six king salmon;

(iii) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon; and an annual limit of six king salmon;

(iv) operators and crew members working on a charter vessel may not retain king salmon while clients are on board the vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b);

(v) no more than six lines may be fished from any vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b).

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Douglas F. Fleming,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when projections that the Stikine River king salmon run will exceed escapement needs and provide for an allowable catch. The 2011 preseason projection for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 30,000 fish with a U.S. allowable catch of 190 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission which allows the department to liberalize king salmon harvest opportunities for this area.

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