

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-16-11

Issued at: Homer, Monday, June 27, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order requires the use of only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the flowing waters of the Anchor River drainage, and closes the salt waters of Cook Inlet at the mouth of the Anchor River to all sport fishing from two miles north and south of the Anchor River mouth and one mile offshore beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. (a)(2)(A), and 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. (b)(1)(C)(iii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage, except the Bridge Creek reservoir:

(A) in flowing waters, from July 1 – July 31, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used.

5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.

(b)(1)(C) the following waters, within one mile of shore, are closed to all sport fishing from April 1 through July 31:

(iii) from the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles north of the Anchor River at 59° 48.92' N. lat. to the latitude of an ADF&G regulatory marker located two miles south of the Anchor River at 59° 45.92' N. lat.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for king salmon in the Anchor River is 3,800–10,000 fish. The Anchor River escapement of king salmon through June 26, 2011 was 2,520 fish. This year's king salmon run is behind the 2010 run through June 26 by 825 fish. The final escapement for 2010 was 4,437 fish. At this time, it is unlikely that the sustainable escapement goal for king salmon will be achieved. By regulation beginning July 1, sport fishing for king salmon in the Anchor River is closed, the lower section of the Anchor River opens to sport fishing for species other than king salmon, and bait and treble hooks are allowed. Also by regulation, king salmon fishing in the marine waters within two miles of the Anchor River is closed from April 1 through June 30 to allow more king salmon to return to the Anchor River. It is warranted to prohibit bait and treble hooks in the Anchor River and extend the time closed in the marine waters two miles north and south of the Anchor River mouth and one mile offshore beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011 to protect Anchor River-bound king salmon that are needed to achieve the escapement goal.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-07-11 which closed the Anchor River to sport fishing expired 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2011.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.