

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-18-11

Issued at: Anchorage, July 1, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the Coghill River drainage sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to 12 fish per day, 24 fish in possession. Additionally, this emergency order reduces the area closed to fishing adjacent to the Coghill River weir to 50 feet. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits; and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area (1)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011:

#### **5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits; and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area**

(1) The following special provisions apply to salmon, other than king salmon:

(F) Coghill River drainage: the bag limit for sockeye salmon in the Coghill River Drainage is 12 fish, the possession limit is 24 fish;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Dan Bosch  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sockeye escapement goal range for the Coghill River is 20,000 – 40,000 fish. As of June 30, 2011, an estimated 22,229 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on the Coghill River. An estimated 4,000 sockeye are holding just below the weir with more salmon moving into the lower river with the big tides. Approximately 45-50% into the return, it is projected that the sockeye return will exceed the upper end of the goal, therefore it is warranted to increase the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit.

DISTRIBUTION:

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