

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-10-12

Issued at Juneau, Friday, May 25,
2012

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday,
Date: June 1, 2012

Expiration Date: Friday, August 31, 2012 at
11:59 p.m. unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit of four king salmon with no size limit in a terminal saltwater location near Juneau and in freshwater drainages crossed by the Juneau road system that are open to sport fishing. This emergency order also allows the use of bait, weighted hooks and lures, multiple hooks with gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch, and the retention of king salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth (snagged) in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond on Douglas Island. King salmon caught in these salt and fresh waters do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

REGULATION:

Under this emergency order the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (d)(6) and 5 AAC 47.023 (e)(1)(N and O) are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday June 1, 2012 through Friday August 31, 2012:

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

(d) In the Juneau vicinity:

(6) in a terminal saltwater area in the vicinity of Juneau, consisting of the contiguous waters of Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove and Gastineau Channel, enclosed on the west by a line running from the tip of Point Louisa to the navigational aid at the northern tip of Portland Island then along the eastern shore of Portland Island to its most southern point and ending on Douglas Island at the northern tip of Outer Point, and enclosed on the east by a line located approximately one-quarter mile south of the Dupont dock and extending across Gastineau Channel between department markers;

(A) the bag and possession limit is 4 king salmon, no size limit; and,

(B) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

(1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,

(N) in the freshwater drainages open to sport fishing,

(A) the bag and possession limit is 4 king salmon, no size limit; and,

(B) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

(O) in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond,

- (A) the use of bait, weighted hooks and lures, and multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch are permitted;
- (B) king salmon hooked elsewhere than in the mouth may be retained;
- (C) the bag and possession limit is 4 king salmon, no size limit; and,
- (D) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian J. Glynn
Juneau Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to increase sport bag and possession limits and annual limits for hatchery king salmon in terminal harvest areas when escapement is expected to be in excess of the broodstock requirements. The Southeast King Salmon Management Plan authorizes the department to repeal the nonresident annual limit in hatchery terminal harvest areas. Hatchery king salmon are expected to return to the salt and fresh waters near Juneau, and over 500 of these fish are expected at Fish Creek on Douglas Island. Therefore, the department is increasing the king salmon bag and possession limits and repealing the nonresident annual limit in the salt and fresh waters of the Juneau area. In addition, the department is liberalizing methods and means in Fish Creek Pond.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.