

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-12-12

Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday, May
30, 2012

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July
31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order establishes a bag and possession limit of six king salmon with no size limit and rescinds the nonresident annual limit in the terminal marine waters of Neets Bay near Ketchikan in order to increase harvest opportunity for hatchery king salmon surplus to broodstock requirements.

REGULATION:

Under this emergency order the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(j)(7) are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday June 1, 2012 through Tuesday July 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.

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(7) In the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the eastern most tip of Bug Island:

(A) the bag and possession limit is 6 king salmon, no size limit; and,

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

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Piazza
Ketchikan 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 modify 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 (5 AAC 47.055) authorizes the Department to repeal the nonresident angler annual limit in hatchery terminal harvest areas. Neets Bay hatchery king salmon in excess of broodstock requirements are expected to return to the saltwater terminal area of Neets Bay. Therefore, the Department is increasing the king salmon bag and possession limit to six fish, with no size limit and repealing the nonresident king salmon annual limit for this area.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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