

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-54-12

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,  
September 13, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 15, 2012

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December 31, 2012, unless superseded by  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River drainage for coho salmon 20 inches or greater in length. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 15, the bag limit for coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage is one fish per day, one in possession.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., September 15, 2012 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012:

### **5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.**

(b)(9) in the Buskin River drainage, the bag limit for coho salmon 20 inches or greater in length, is one per day, one in possession;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 3,200 to 7,200 fish. As of September 11, the weir count for Buskin River coho salmon was 506 fish. Without a large increase in daily weir counts, the escapement goal may not be achieved. For this reason, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Buskin River drainage is reduced from two to one per day, and from two to one in possession.

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.