

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-10-12

Issued at: Homer, Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes waters of the Anchor River drainage from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks to sport fishing beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012.

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BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA AREA (a)(2)(C) and (a)(2)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012:

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:

(C) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks sport fishing is closed
(i) from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012;

(E) sport fishing is closed for king salmon from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carol Kerkvliet
Fisheries Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

The king salmon escapement in the Anchor River through June 5, 2012, was 1,107 fish, slightly higher than last year's escapement of 901 king salmon and well below the 2004-2011 escapement average of 2,799 king salmon for this date. At this time, the department is unable to predict with certainty that the Anchor River escapement will attain the sustainable

escapement goal of 3,800–10,000 king salmon. From 2004-2008, 29 percent to 48 percent of the Anchor River king salmon escapement was upstream of the salmon weir by June 5. The projected escapement for 2012, based on average run timing to run timing that is six days late is between 3,314 and 6,319 fish. Therefore, it is justified to close the Anchor River to sport fishing.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-08-12, that closed waters of the Anchor River drainage from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks to sport fishing each Wednesday during the king salmon season and also decreased the waters of the Anchor River drainage open to sport fishing by relocating the ADF&G regulatory marker downstream approximately 1,000 feet below the junction of the North and South forks through July 31, 2012, remains in effect.

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-09-12, that limited sport fishing gear to one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure when fishing the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River drainages through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012, remains in effect.

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.