

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-13-13

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, June 25,
2013

Effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
Date: June 26, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
July 31, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order liberalizes sport fishing regulations by eliminating the king salmon minimum size limit of 28 inches and increasing the resident bag limit in the marine waters of Silver Bay, near Sitka, to allow increased harvest of king salmon in excess of hatchery broodstock needs. From June 26 through July 31, 2013, king salmon of any length may be harvested. The bag and possession limit is two fish and king salmon harvested in this area do not apply to the non-resident annual limit. Provisions established under KS-R-02-13 outside Silver Bay continue to apply.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for season, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the saltwaters of Southeast Alaska Area (g)(6) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2013:

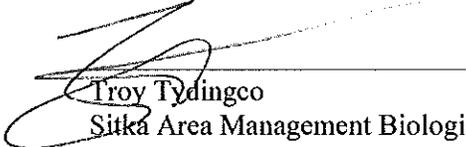
5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (6) In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point to Silver Point at 57° 00' 49" N. lat., 135° 18' 06" W. long.
 - (A) The bag and possession limit for king salmon is two fish; no size limit;
 - (B) King salmon harvested in these waters do not count towards the non-resident annual limit.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to Medvejie Hatchery in numbers that exceed hatchery broodstock needs. The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to increase bag limits and liberalize fishing methods in designated harvest areas to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (B)]. The department is eliminating the king

salmon length limit of 28 inches and the non-resident annual limit in this area to provide recreational anglers the opportunity to harvest these surplus fish.

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