

# SPORT FISHING

## Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-II-26-13

Issued at Yakutat, Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Effective 12:01 A.M.  
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday,  
December 31, 2013. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases the sport fishing bag and possession limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length for the Situk River drainage from two to four fish.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (b)(6)(G) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 AM Wednesday, September 4, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

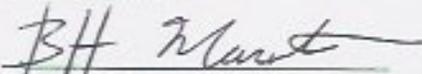
**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.**

(b)(6) In the Situk River Drainage,

(G) The bag and possession limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length is four fish.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
Brian H. Marston  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Situk River is managed for an escapement goal range of 3,300 to 9,800 coho salmon. Over 14,500 coho salmon were counted during a float survey below 9 Mile Bridge on August 30, 2013. All indications are that the Situk River is experiencing a strong coho run this season and the total coho escapement is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal range. The Situk River sport coho salmon harvest is not expected to reduce the escapement below the escapement goal range with an increased bag and possession limit.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270.