

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-37-13

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, July 12, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,  
August 7, 2013, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the daily bag limit for salmon 16 inches or longer, other than king salmon, from three per day, three in possession to six per day, twelve in possession in all portions of the Kasilof River open to salmon fishing. No more than two salmon per day and two in possession may be coho salmon. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

### 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)(8)(D) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

#### **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)(8) Kasilof River drainage, excluding Crooked Creek and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries;

(D) salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit and possession limit is six fish per day and twelve in possession, of which two per day and in possession may be coho salmon;

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Robert N. Begich  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The optimal escapement goal on the Kasilof River is 160,000-390,000 sockeye salmon. As of July 11, a total of 222,974 sockeye salmon have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. The current escapement level of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate that is projected to exceed the optimal escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for the Kasilof River sockeye salmon sport fishery.

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.