

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-44-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, July
24, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday,
August 9, 2013 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes emergency order No. 2-KS-4-39-13. This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage. King salmon caught incidentally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used for sport fishing. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 26 through 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2013.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians Islands Area. (g) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2013, through Friday, August 9, 2013:

5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians Islands Area.

(g) In the Chignik River drainage, from Mensis Point upstream and including Chignik and Black lakes and their tributaries, fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon incidentally caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately; only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used for sport fishing.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The weir count as of July 23, a point when 75% of the run has occurred based on historical run timing, is 921 king salmon. Despite previous management actions taken this year, additional measures are necessary to further reduce king salmon mortality. Therefore, the king salmon sport fishery is closed and only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used in the Chignik River drainage through August 9.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This emergency order supersedes emergency order No. 2-KS-4-39-13 issued Thursday, July 18, 2013, which restricted the Chignik drainage sport fishery to non retention.

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.