

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-39-13

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, July 18, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013

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August 9, 2013 unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the harvest of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Chignik River drainage effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20 through August 9, 2013. Catch and release fishing is allowed but king salmon 20 inches or greater in length may not be retained or possessed, may not be removed from the water, and must be released immediately. In addition, sport fishing gear is limited to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Chignik River drainage. The bag limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length remains at 10 per day, 10 in possession, and no annual limit.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians Islands Area. (f) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 20 through Friday, August 9, 2013:

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

(f) In the Chignik River drainage, from Mensis Point upstream and including Chignik and Black lakes and their tributaries, king salmon 20 inches and greater in length may not be retained or possessed; king salmon 20 inches or greater in length caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately; only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The weir count as of July 15 was 606 king salmon. Based on historical run timing, approximately 50% of the escapement has occurred by July 15, and the current projected total escapement indicates additional measures are necessary to further reduce king salmon mortality. Therefore, the sport fishery is restricted to non-retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length; and only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used in the Chignik River drainage.

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.