

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-KS-07-13

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday July 8, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
July 25, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 3-KS-03-13. This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in all tributaries of Kuskokwim Bay effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

REGULATION:

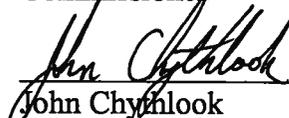
The provisions of 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area. (c)(10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013, through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013:

5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, and size limits for the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area.

(c)(10) in all waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay south of the south bank of Warehouse Creek and north of Cape Newenham, all king salmon caught must be immediately released unharmed.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:


John Chynlook
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The king salmon escapement, through July 7th 2013, at the Kanektok River weir is 170 king salmon. This is comparable to the 2012 escapement of king salmon, which was the lowest recorded since the weir began operating in 2002. King salmon escapement counts at the Middle Fork Goodnews River weir are similarly low, at 101 counted through the weir as of July 7th. Due to recent poor king salmon returns to the Kanektok and Goodnews rivers this action closing the Kuskokwim Bay

tributaries to retention of king salmon is consistent with measures that have been taken in other fisheries in Kuskokwim Bay and is necessary to ensure king salmon escapement goals are met.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 3-KS-03-13 issued May 20, 2013 which reduced the bag and possession limit for king salmon in the Kuskokwim Bay tributaries to one fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7207.