

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-2014

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, June 17,
2014

Effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
Date: June 18, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Thursday,
July 31, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases sport fishing opportunity by allowing the harvest of hatchery produced king salmon in excess of hatchery broodstock needs by eliminating the minimum king salmon size limit and nonresident annual limit in the marine waters of Silver Bay, near Sitka. Bag limit provisions established under 1-KS-R-03-14 continue to apply.

REGULATION: The following provisions are added and become effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 18 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2014:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (6) In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point to Silver Point at 57° 00' 49" N. lat., 135° 18' 06" W. long.
 - (A) resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon; no size limit;
 - (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon no size limit, except in June the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon no size limit;
 - (C) King salmon caught in this area do not count towards the nonresident annual limit;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Hatchery-produced king salmon are expected to return to Medvejie Hatchery in numbers that exceed hatchery broodstock needs. The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to increase bag limits and liberalize fishing methods in designated harvest areas to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (B)]. The department is eliminating the king salmon length limit of 28 inches and the nonresident annual limit in this area to provide recreational anglers the opportunity to harvest these surplus fish.

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 110024, Juneau, AK 99811-0024, (907) 465-4270.