

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-25-14

Issued at Soldotna: Monday, June 23, 2014

Effective Date: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to fishing for sockeye salmon at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possessions, and size limits, and methods and means for the middle section of the Kenai River drainage area (1) (D) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014.

5 AAC 57.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possessions, and size limits, and methods and means for the middle section of the Kenai River drainage area.

(1)(D) from 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014, through May 1, 2015 The Russian River Sanctuary, including waters upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers located just downstream of the ferry crossing on the Kenai River to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing (including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth) and the Russian River from its mouth upstream 100 yards to ADF&G regulatory markers is open to sport fishing.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through noon on Monday, June 23, over 26,000 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. Using early and average run-timing to project out the run through July 14, the Department has determined that the early-run sockeye salmon biological escapement goal (BEG) of 22,000 – 42,000 sockeye salmon will likely be exceeded. Based on this information it is appropriate to liberalize the

fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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