

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-12-14

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,
April 9, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday,
July 25, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag, possession and annual limit for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. The bag and possession limit is reduced to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length. The annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is reduced to two fish. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(8) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 2014 through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak area.

(b)(8) in the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 – July 25, bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River king salmon is 4,000 to 7,000 fish. The BEG was not attained from 2006–2009, and in 2013. Restrictions to the sport fishery have been implemented in an effort to achieve the BEG every year since 2006. Expectations of poor king salmon runs and uncertainty over how quickly the stock may rebound from recent poor returns justify starting the 2014 season conservatively. Increased harvest opportunity may be allowed by subsequent emergency order if inseason assessment of Ayakulik River king salmon indicates the run is stronger than anticipated.

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.