

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-13-14

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday,
April 9, 2014

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday,
August 9, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag, possession and annual limit for king salmon in the Chignik 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., Saturday, August 9, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area. (g) 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., Saturday, August 9, 2014.

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

(g) in the Chignik River drainage, from June 1 – August 9, bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; the 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 Chignik River king salmon is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The BEG was not attained in 2013 and annual king salmon escapements have steadily declined since 2010. Expectations of a relatively poor king salmon run in 2014 and uncertainty over how quickly this 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 Chignik 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.