

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-32-14

Issued at: Dillingham, Thursday, July 3, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from two fish, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length to one fish 20 inches or greater in length in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainage beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area. (g)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014:

5AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

(1) the 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 four fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length (jack salmon) is five fish; after taking and retaining a bag limit of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish with bait for the remainder of the day in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jason E. Dye
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

These restrictions are made in accordance with 5 AAC 06.361, Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan as adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The plan directs the department to reduce the bag and possession limits for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from two fish, only one of which may exceed 28 inches in length to one fish 20 inches or greater in length in the sport

fishery and to close the directed king salmon commercial fishery in the Nushagak District when the department projects the total inriver return will be at least 70,000, but less than 95,000 fish. These restrictions are implemented so that the sport fishery does not exceed the 5,000 fish guideline harvest level when projected inriver returns are less than 95,000. Through July 2, an estimated total of 56,050 king salmon have passed the sonar at Portage Creek, and the total inriver return is projected to be at least 70,000, but less than 95,000 fish.

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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.