

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-19-15

Issued at: Ketchikan, Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday,  
July 23, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
December 31, 2015, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing from July 23 through December 31, 2015 and establishes a bag and possession limit in Ketchikan Creek of two king salmon of any size. King salmon harvested in Ketchikan Creek do not count towards the nonresident annual limit.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. (i)(6)(B) are superseded and 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(E) are added by this emergency order. The following provisions are effective from at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 23, through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2015:

### **5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) in Ketchikan Creek, excluding City Park Ponds,

(B) sport fishing is allowed only from July 23 through December 31;

(E) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is two fish, no size limit, no nonresident annual limit;

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Kelly Piazza  
Ketchikan Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

As provided in 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(B), the department may use emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs or any natural spawning requirements.

The Deer Mountain Hatchery will not be taking eggs in 2015 and the king salmon present in Ketchikan Creek are in excess of broodstock and escapement requirements.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.