

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-24-15

Issued at: Kodiak,
Wednesday, June, 17, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday,
July 25, 2015, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-13-15 issued April 7, 2015. This emergency order closes sport fishing for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. King salmon may not be possessed or retained: king salmon caught incidentally while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used in the Ayakulik River drainage. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 19 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2015.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(8) and 5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. (e) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 19 through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2015.

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

(b)(8) in the Ayakulik River drainage sport fishing for king salmon is closed. King salmon caught incidentally be may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

(e) Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used in the Ayakulik River drainage.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Asst. Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River king salmon is 4,000 to 7,000 fish. Despite previous management actions this year to reduce king salmon mortality during the inriver sport fishery, the total weir count on June 14 of 469 fish indicates that the BEG will not be achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to close the Ayakulik River drainage to sport fishing for king salmon. As an added measure to reduce the probability of hooking mortality on incidentally hooked king salmon, the use of bait and multiple hooks is prohibited within the Ayakulik River drainage.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-13-15.

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.