

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-44-15

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, July 21, 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December 31, 2015, unless superseded by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 increases the bag and possession limit in the Saltery Cove drainage for sockeye salmon. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 23, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage is 10 fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b) (5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 23, 2015.

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

(b)(5) in the Saltery Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which, no more than five per day and in possession may be pink and chum salmon, and two per day and in possession may be coho salmon.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Saltery Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. As of July 20, approximately 50 % of the way into the run, the weir count was 19,472 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the department is projecting the escapement goal will be exceeded. To provide additional sport fishing opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon surplus to the escapement goal, as authorized in 5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A), increasing the limit in the Saltery Cove drainage is warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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