

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-48-15

Issued at Soldotna: Friday, July 24, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2015, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-37-15 issued in Soldotna on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and restores the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing in waters of the Kasilof River downstream of the Sterling Highway Bridge. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 25, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2015.

### REGULATION:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-37-15 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Robert N. Begich  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Several emergency orders have been issued during 2015 to conserve both early- and late-run Kenai and Kasilof river king salmon stocks that have been experiencing a period of low productivity and below average run strength since 2009. The department's information, including data from inriver assessment programs as well as king salmon catch data from the Cook Inlet Central District Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery, indicates king salmon abundance in general remains below long-term averages, however is much improved over recent years.

Emergency order 2-KS-2-46-15 was issued to allow the use of bait in the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai River drainage during July. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to minimize the effects of conservation actions for the Kenai River on the Kasilof River

### DISTRIBUTION:

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