

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-27-15

Issued at: Homer, Friday, June 19, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday,
July 15, 2015, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-03-15 issued February 19, 2015, and restores the Cook Inlet annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length for fish harvested in the Ninilchik River and all marine waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N. lat.) to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.). This emergency order is effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday June 20, 2015. Any king salmon recorded before Saturday, June 20, on the harvest portion of an Alaska sport fishing license or harvest record card counts towards the Cook Inlet annual limit.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-03-15 rescinded.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carol Kerkvliet
Fisheries Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Anchor River king salmon is 3,800–10,000 fish. Through June 17, cumulative king salmon escapement was 5,743 fish. Historically, approximately 61% of the run has passed upstream of the weir by this date projecting an escapement of approximately 9,500 king salmon. Average to above average king salmon runs are also expected on Deep Creek and Ninilchik River. Therefore it is justified to allow increased harvest opportunity in the marine waters south of the Ninilchik River to Bluff Point.

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.