

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-6-33-15

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday June 24, 2015

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2015,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order would allow snagging in the Flemming Spit Lagoon area including waters east (upstream) of the culverts on Flemming Spit Creek. The marine waters of the Cordova Terminal Harvest Area outside of the lagoon will remain closed to snagging until they open by regulation October 1. The bag limit for king salmon is 2 per day, 4 in possession. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2015.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound (2)(C ) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:

**5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound.**

(2)(C) from June 1-September 30, in the Cordova vicinity in the salt waters north of a line from Odiak Slough to Stump Point and south of a line from Orca Cannery to Knot Point; from June 25, 2015 through July 12, 2015, snagging is allowed in all waters of Flemming Spit Lagoon, defined as waters of the lagoon east (upstream) of the culverts on Flemming Spit Creek,.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Mike Thalhauser  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

A survey of the Flemming Spit Lagoon estimated 50 king salmon that have returned to the lagoon and have started to color, indicating an abundance of available fish that may be diminishing in quality. King salmon returning to the portion of the lagoon upstream of the culverts are more difficult to catch using bait or lures and allowing snagging would increase fishing opportunity. Fish returning to this terminal

harvest area will not be used for any egg collections. This justifies opening the waters of the lagoon to snagging to allow full utilization of these hatchery fish.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.