

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-10-16

Issued at: Petersburg, Thursday,
April 28, 2016

Effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2016
Date:

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday,
July 15, 2016, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for additional sport fishing opportunity within the marine waters of District 8 when an allowable catch of Stikine River king salmon exists. The 2016 preseason forecast for large Stikine River king salmon is 33,900 fish, with a resulting U.S. allowable catch of 1,100 large Stikine River king salmon as determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission. When an allowable catch is available, the following regulations are established in accordance with the Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan: from May 1 through July 15; all sport anglers may use two rods when fishing for king salmon, the resident bag limit is established at three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length with a possession limit of six king salmon, the nonresident bag and possession limit is established at two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length with an annual limit of six king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.057, the provisions in 5 AAC 47.021(l)(1) are added and effective from 12:01 a.m. May 1 through 11:59 p.m. July 15, 2016:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(l) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

- (1) In the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d);
 - (A) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler;
 - (B) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, and a possession limit of six king salmon;
 - (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
 - (D) the nonresident annual limit is six king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler
Petersburg/Wrangell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell (District 8) are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when the projected abundance of Stikine River king salmon will exceed escapement needs and provide for an allowable catch as determined under provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The 2016 preseason forecast for the Stikine River king salmon stock is 33,900 large adults, resulting in a U.S. allowable catch of 1,100 king salmon as determined by the Transboundary Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

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