

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-16-16

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday, June 3, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,  
December 31, 2016, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag limit in the Afognak River drainage for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length from 5 fish to 10 fish per day. The possession limit remains unchanged at 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. (c)(3) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 4 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016:

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

(c)(3) in the Afognak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Tyler Polum,  
Kodiak Area Asst. Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The biological escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Afognak River drainage is 20,000 to 50,000 fish. As of June 1, the weir count was 11,230 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the spawning escapement is projected to exceed the upper end of the escapement goal. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A), the bag limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the Afognak River drainage is increased to 10 fish.

**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.