

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-38-16

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2016

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December 31, 2016, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of sockeye salmon while sport fishing in Larson Creek and within a one-quarter mile radius of its confluence with the Talkeetna River.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (4) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 11 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016:

5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

(4) the Larson Creek drainage and all waters within one-quarter mile of its confluence with the Talkeetna River are closed to sport fishing for king salmon and the retention of sockeye salmon; sockeye salmon may not be retained or possessed and any sockeye salmon caught must be released immediately; the Larson Creek drainage upstream of an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one-quarter mile upstream of its confluence with the Talkeetna River is closed to sport fishing for all salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for sockeye salmon in Larson Creek is 15,000—50,000 fish. The weir count through August 8 was 6,963 fish. Even using a one week late run timing model, the projected

escapement is less than what is required to achieve the escapement goal. Therefore, prohibiting harvest of sockeye salmon in the Larson Creek drainage is warranted.

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.