

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-8-31-16

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2016

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon from six to 12 fish in the marine waters of Resurrection Bay north of a point from Caines Head to the northern point of Thumb Cove.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. (b)(3)(A)(ii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2016.

5 AAC 58.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COOK INLET – RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER AREA.

(b)(3)(A)(ii) salmon, other than king salmon: bag and possession limit is six fish, of which six per day and in possession may be coho salmon; except that in the marine waters north of a line from Caines Head to the north point of Thumb Cove, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is 12 fish.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jay Baumer
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Bear Lake sockeye salmon are managed for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700 – 8,300 with an inriver goal of 5,600 – 13,200 sockeye salmon. As of July 5, more than 12,775 sockeye

have passed the Bear Creek Weir, with strong numbers still entering the river. The upper end of the SEG is expected to be exceeded, and the inriver goal will be met or exceeded. To provide additional sport fishing opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon surplus to the escapement goal, as authorized in 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A), increasing the bag and possession limit is warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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