

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 3-PS-10-16

Issued at: Fairbanks, Wednesday, July 20,
2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2016

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2016, unless superseded by subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the sport fish bag and possession limit for pink salmon in the Nome River drainage from 10 to 20 fish, effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2016.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 70.011. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northwestern Area. (c) (6) (C) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:


5 AAC 70.011. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northwestern Area.

(c)(6) in the Nome River drainage, sport fishing for

(C) pink salmon, the bag and possession limit is 20 fish, with no size limit.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Brendan Scanlon
Northwest and North Slope Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In the Nome River, over 263,000 pink salmon have passed the weir as of July 19 with many more pink salmon observed in the lower river. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for pink salmon in the Nome River is 13,000 fish. Due to the projected final escapement of pink salmon in the Nome River drainage in excess of the escapement goal, an increase in the sport fish bag and possession limit for pink salmon from 10 to 20 fish is warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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