

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-26-17

Issued at: Sitka, Thursday, August 3,
2017.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday,
Date: August 4, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2017 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 01-KS-H-21-17 issued on July 7, 2017 and decreases the area of the Situk River closed to sport fishing by restoring the boundary to the ADF&G regulatory marker approximately 300 feet downstream of the department's fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8.

REGULATION: Emergency Order No. 01-KS-H-21-17 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Catterson
Sitka Area Assistant Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The Situk River drainage is managed for an escapement range of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon. As of August 1, 2017, 826 large king salmon have passed through the Situk River weir. Average run-timing data indicates that 99% of the run has passed, and large numbers of pink salmon have entered the river decreasing the angling pressure on any king salmon remaining in the lower river. Closing a portion of the Situk River downstream of the weir is no longer necessary to ensure achievement of the king salmon escapement goal.

DISTRIBUTION:

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