## **SPORT FISHING** *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-11-17

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2017 Issued at Sitka, Monday, April 10, 2017.

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2018 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2017 season is 1.27, which, according to the plan, prescribes that the resident bag limit will be two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident angler bag limit will be three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. The nonresident annual limit will be three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. In addition, a resident sport angler may use two rods from October through March.

**<u>REGULATION</u>**: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) king salmon:

- (A) a resident sport fish angler may use two rods from October 1 through March 31;
- (B) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (D) the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick Regional Management Coordinator

Division of Sport Fish

<u>JUSTIFICATION</u>: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2017 season is 1.27 which equates to 38,720 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. At this abundance index level, the plan specifies a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident annual limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; and the opportunity for resident anglers to use two rods from October through March.

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