

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-05-17

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday,
March 13, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
July 25, 2017, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. In addition, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used in the Ayakulik River drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(8) and 5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. (e) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b)(8) in the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 through July 25, king salmon may not be possessed or retained; All king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

5 AAC 64.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

(e) Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used in the Ayakulik River.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River king salmon (4,800 to 8,400 fish) has not been met 5 of the last 10 years. Recent poor king salmon productivity statewide and very low escapements in the Ayakulik River justify prohibiting the retention of king salmon. Additionally, in order to reduce mortality, the use of bait is prohibited and lures are limited to one single-hook, artificial lure within the Ayakulik River drainage. King salmon harvest opportunity may be allowed by subsequent emergency order if inseason assessment of the Ayakulik River king salmon run indicates the BEG will be attained.

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; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.