

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-31-17

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, July 17, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017

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December 31, 2017, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to 10 fish in the Salterty Cove drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

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

(b)(5) in the Salterty Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which, no more than five may be pink and chum salmon, and two may be coho salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark Witteveen,
Kodiak Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the Salterty Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. As of July 16, 2017, the weir count was 15,477 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the department is projecting the escapement goal will be 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 in the Salterty Cove drainage is warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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