

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-8-23-17

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday, June 30, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the marine waters of Resurrection Bay north of a point from Caines Head to the northern point of Thumbs Cove from six per day, six in possession to twelve per day, twelve in possession.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 58.022 (b)(3)(A)(ii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017:

### **5 AAC 58.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.**

(b)(3)(A)(ii) salmon, other than king salmon: bag and possession limit is six fish, of which six per day and in possession may be coho salmon; except that in the marine waters north of a line from Caines Head to the north point of Thumb Cove, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is twelve fish.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jay Baumer  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Bear Lake sockeye salmon are managed for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700 - 8,300 and an inriver goal of 5,600 - 13,200 sockeye salmon. As of June 29, 2017, more than 11,646 sockeye have passed the Bear Creek Weir, with large numbers of sockeye salmon still entering the river. The upper end of the SEG is expected to be exceeded and the inriver goal will be met or 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 is warranted.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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