

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-12-17

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 7, 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December 31, 2017, unless superseded by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 in the Karluk River drainage for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, from 5 per day to 10 per day.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (c)(3) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 7 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 31, 2017:

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

(c)(3) in the Karluk River drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for early run sockeye salmon into the Karluk River drainage is 150,000 to 250,000 fish. As of June 5 the weir count was 125,978 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the spawning escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal for this stock. To provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity as provided for in 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A), the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the Karluk River drainage is increased to 10 fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

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