

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-29-17

Issued at: Dillingham, Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 13, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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, from five fish to ten fish, in all waters of the Alagnak River drainage. The bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king and sockeye salmon, remains at five fish. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limit for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022 (f)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 13 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017:

5AAC 67.022 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

(f) In the Alagnak River drainage, the following special provisions apply:

(2) the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is ten fish; the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is five fish with no size limit, of which only three fish may be coho salmon;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jason E. Dye
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alagnak River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal is 320,000 fish. Through 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2017, over one million sockeye salmon have been estimated passing the Alagnak River tower. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A), the department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the goal range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Alagnak River sport fishery.

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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.