

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-03-18

Issued at Sitka, Friday, March 30,
2018.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday,
Date: April 1, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
May 3, 2018 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-30-17 expires March 31, 2018 requiring, as directed by 5 AAC 47.020(1), the commissioner to establish bag, possession, and annual limits for king salmon, by emergency order as specified in 5 AAC 47.055 (*Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*). Since this year's preseason king salmon abundance will not be available prior to the expiration of Emergency Order 1-KS-R-30-17 this emergency order will continue the established regulations, as per the plan, based on the 2017 preseason king salmon abundance of 1.27 until the 2018 preseason king salmon abundance is available. The 2017 season abundance index of 1.27 prescribes that the resident bag limit remains two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident bag limit remains one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. The nonresident annual limit remains three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length. A subsequent emergency order may supersede this order when the 2018 preseason king salmon abundance is available.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2018. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) king salmon:

- (A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

By delegation to:

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* prescribes management measures based upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The current regulations expire March 31, 2018 and the preseason abundance index for 2018 has not been released. This emergency order will extend the current regulations until the 2018 preseason abundance index is released and the subsequent emergency order with the management measures for 2018 is issued.

The preseason abundance index for the 2017 season is 1.27. At this abundance index level, the plan specifies a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a nonresident annual limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: The conservative king salmon regulations established in the Haines/Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell and Ketchikan areas by Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-18 will remain in effect.

DISTRIBUTION:

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