

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-48-18

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
December 31, 2018, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, 16 inches or longer, within one-quarter mile of the confluence of Larson Creek with the Talkeetna River to six fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (4)(D) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 1 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

(4)(D) within one-quarter mile of the confluence of Larson Creek with the Talkeetna River the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length is six per day with six in possession, of which no more than three per day and in possession may be coho, pink, and chum salmon in combination;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for sockeye salmon in Larson Creek is 15,000—35,000 fish. The weir count through July 30 was 17,206 fish and the projected escapement of 40,000 fish exceeds the SEG range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon.

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.