

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-30-18

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday, July 6, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2018

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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the Coghill River drainage sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to 12 fish per day, 24 in possession. Additionally, this emergency order reduces the area closed to fishing adjacent to the Coghill River weir to 50 feet.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023 (11) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 7, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area.

(11) in the Coghill River drainage: bag limit for sockeye salmon of 12 fish and possession limit of 24 fish; the waters within 50 feet of the Coghill River weir are closed to sport fishing.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brittany J. Blain-Roth
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JUSTIFICATION:

The sockeye escapement goal range for the Coghill River is 20,000 – 60,000 fish. As of July 5, an estimated 25,436 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on the Coghill River. An estimated 4,000 sockeye salmon are holding below the weir. In addition, the weir was out of operation for 13 days due to high water events and to date, no missed passage for this timeframe has been estimated. As of July 4, approximately 50% of the run has passed the weir. With the lower end of the escapement goal met and the run only 50% complete, an increase in the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit and a reduction in the area closed to sport fishing adjacent to the weir is warranted.

DISTRIBUTION:

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