

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-58-18

Issued at: Soldotna, Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 23, 2018

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December 31, 2018, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-49-18 issued in Soldotna Wednesday, August 1, 2018 and opens the Kenai River to sport fishing for sockeye salmon from its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge at the outlet of Kenai Lake and restores the bag limit to three fish, six in possession.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-49-18 is rescinded.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Miller
Fish and Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The passage of sockeye salmon into the Kenai River has achieved the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000 to 1,200,000 Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon; therefore the sportfishing closure is no longer necessary. As of August 20, approximately 926,917 sockeye salmon have past the department's sonar at river mile 19. Sockeye salmon harvest that occurred prior to the closure August 1 and any additional harvest that may occur for the remainder of the season are not expected to result in escapement below the SEG.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-49-18, issued in Soldotna Wednesday, August 1, 2018 which closed the Kenai River to sport fishing for sockeye salmon from its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge at the outlet of Kenai Lake, except those waters of the Upper Kenai River, Russian River, and Russian River confluence, is rescinded by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

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