

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-59-18

Issued at: Kodiak, Friday, September 21, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 22,  
2018

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December 31, 2018, unless superseded by  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

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the bag limit for coho salmon at the Pasagshak River drainage to 2 per day, 2 in possession.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (b)(15) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

### **5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.**

(b)(15) in the Pasagshak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 2 fish.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Tyler Polum,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The lower bound escapement goal for coho salmon into the Pasagshak River drainage is 1,200 as assessed by index counts of spawning fish. On September 19-20, the department observed a minimum of 6,200 coho salmon in Lake Rose Tead from drone and aerial surveys. Though the escapement goal is typically assessed postseason during spawning in November, the department expects to achieve the goal even with increased opportunity for harvest. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit to 2 fish to allow additional sport fishing and harvest opportunity.

### **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.