

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-05-19

Issued at Sitka, Monday, April 1,
2019.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
Date: April 2, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 1,
2020 unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-04-18, issued April 3, 2018, for established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2018 season. This emergency order does not supersede Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-19, issued January 7, 2019, that established conservative king salmon regulations to reduce harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon in the Haines/Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell, and Ketchikan areas. The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2019 season is 3.38 which, according to the plan, prescribes that the bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident king salmon annual harvest limit will be three fish from January 1-June 30, and one fish July 1-December 31. Any king salmon harvested that applies to the harvest limit during the earlier time period will apply toward the later time period's harvest limit. In addition, a resident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length will be established for the inside waters that were closed to reduce harvest of Alaska wild king salmon once they open by a subsequent emergency order.

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. Tuesday, April 2, 2019. 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 bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) From January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the July 1 through December 31 nonresident one fish annual harvest limit;
- (C) From July 1 through December 31, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in

length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the one fish annual harvest limit;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2019 season is 3.38 which equates to 25,844 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. To address the implementation of the new treaty agreement which includes provisions to reduce the Alaska harvest ceiling the following year if the Alaska harvest ceiling is exceeded, the Southeast Alaska king salmon fisheries will be conservatively managed. This equates to a sport fishery harvest target of 25,300 treaty king salmon in 2019. The projected 2019 sport harvest of treaty king salmon is expected to be 21,900-22,500 fish. This is based on: 1) the estimated treaty harvest of king salmon in 2018 was 21,300 fish; 2) the same regional management and conservative wild stock management provisions in 2018 will be implemented in 2019; and 3) the implementation of a two fish resident bag limit in areas closed for wild stock management when they reopen is estimated to increase harvest by 600-1,200 treaty king salmon.

The Southeast Alaska king salmon fishery will be monitored inseason and management action will be taken if needed to keep the sport fishery within the sport allocation.

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