

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-B-12-19

Issued at Craig, Thursday, May 23,
2019

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
Date: June 1, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, June
14, 2019, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order liberalizes regulations in the saltwater area of Coffman Cove to target returning hatchery-produced king salmon.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(i)(3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2019:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(i) In the Prince of Wales Island vicinity:

(3) the continuous waters of Coffman Cove, west of a line from the mainland of Prince of Wales Island at 56° 01.23 N. lat., 132° 49.86 W. long. to Coffman Island at 56° 01.37 N. lat., 132°

50.20 W. long. and south of a line from the mainland to Coffman Island at 56° 1.69' N. lat.:

(A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) the nonresident annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Craig Schwanke
Prince of Wales Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The waters of Clarence Strait outside of Coffman Cove are closed through June 14 to the retention of king salmon to protect wild stocks of king salmon returning to mainland rivers. However, returning hatchery-produced king salmon are available for harvest at Coffman Cove. The last release of king salmon in Coffman Cove occurred in 2016, which may result in a return of up to 760 5-year old fish in 2019. The return of hatchery king salmon to Coffman Cove are not utilized for broodstock.

The area opened by this emergency order will allow anglers to target Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon originating from the Port Saint Nicholas hatchery near Craig and released at the Coffman Cove site.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-19 established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit as per the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management plan based on the 2019 winter troll catch per unit effort.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-03-19 establishes areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan; these actions are being taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty and are not affected by this emergency order.

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