

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-19-19

Issued at: Yakutat, Tuesday, June 25,  
2019

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday,  
Date: June 28, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
August 15, 2019 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases the area of the Situk River closed to all sport fishing to protect staging king salmon by relocating the ADF&G regulatory marker approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the department's fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (b)(6)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 28 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2019:

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(b)(6)(F) the waters from ADF&G regulatory markers 300 feet upstream of the ADF&G fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8 downstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the weir, are closed to sport fishing.

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Matt Catterson  
Yakutat Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon, with a management target of 730 large king salmon. As of June 24, 2019, 46 large king salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir. Given the low numbers of king salmon returning to the Situk River, additional protections are warranted. 5 AAC 47.030(f) allows the department to close an area around a fish weir to sport fishing in order to provide uninterrupted passage for fish and minimize vulnerability of salmon to sport fishing. Closing a portion of the Situk River to sport fishing is necessary to protect king salmon staging in several pools downstream of the weir from incidental hooking.

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