

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.1-RS-F-25-19

Issued at: Haines, Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
December 31, 2019 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in Chilkoot River and Chilkoot Lake to 12 sockeye salmon.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 1 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

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

- (c) In the Haines vicinity:
 - (2) in the Chilkoot River drainage and Lake,
 - (C) the bag and possession limit for chum and pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per species; the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is 12 fish;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Richard Chapell
Haines/Skagway
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: ADF&G's Chilkoot River weir project has passed 101,272 sockeye salmon as of July 29. This count exceeds the upper end of the 38,000 to 86,000 sockeye salmon escapement goal range. In addition to liberalizing the sport fishery, subsistence and commercial fishing periods have also been extended in Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets to allow additional sockeye salmon harvest.

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