SPORT FISHING Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-26-19 Issued at: Yakutat, Wednesday, July

31, 2019.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Date: August 2, 2019 December 31, 2019 unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-19-19, issued June 25, 2019 that extended the sport fishing closed area approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the fish counting weir. 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 300 feet downstream of the weir, are closed to sport fishing.

REGULATION: Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-19-19 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

By delegation to:

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 July 30, 2019, 584 large king salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir. Expansion of the closed area downstream of the Situk River weir is no longer necessary because large numbers of king salmon are no longer staging in this area and the escapement goal has been achieved.

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270.