

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-23-19

Issued at Sitka, Monday, July 22,  
2019.

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,  
May 31, 2020 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-19, issued April 1, 2019, which established regional king salmon regulations for the 2019 Southeast Alaska sport fishery. Current Southeast Alaska king salmon regulations are modified by this emergency order by establishing a period of king salmon nonretention for nonresident anglers to keep the sport fishery within its allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty all gear harvest limit. Regional resident king salmon regulations and resident and nonresident regulations in the designated sport terminal areas in the Juneau, and Ketchikan area remain unchanged. This emergency order does not supersede Emergency Orders 1-KS-E-10-19, 1-KS-C-11-19, and 1-KS-A-13-19 issued May 23, 2019 which established liberalized king salmon regulations in designated terminal harvest areas in the vicinity of Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell, and Ketchikan. This emergency order also does not supersede Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-19, issued June 10, 2019, that established a resident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in the king salmon nonretention areas once they reopened as mandated by the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* ( 5 AAC 47.055).

**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. Thursday, August 1, 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) bag and possession limit of one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; except from August 1 through September 15 nonresidents may not retain or possess king salmon; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed;

- (B) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (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; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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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 sport fishery is being managed conservatively with a harvest target of 25,300 treaty king salmon in 2019. As directed by the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, nonresident anglers will be restricted to stay within the sport harvest allocation and the department shall only restrict resident anglers if nonresident angler restrictions are insufficient to remain within the sport harvest allocation. Based on harvest estimates to date and projected harvest of king salmon for the remainder of the season a period of king salmon nonretention for nonresident anglers is necessary to ensure that the sport fishery remains within its harvest allocation.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-19, issued April 1, 2019, is rescinded by this emergency order.

Emergency Orders 1-KS-E-10-19, and 1-KS-A-13-19 issued May 23, 2019 which established designated sport terminal areas to provide Alaska hatchery king salmon harvest opportunity while protecting wild Alaska king salmon remain in effect.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-19 issued June 10, 2019 which established king salmon nonretention areas in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and a resident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length once these nonretention areas reopen as mandated by the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* ( 5 AAC 47.055) remains in effect.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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