

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-25-19

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2019,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-06-19, issued in Palmer on Monday, January 7, 2019. This emergency order opens the Little Susitna River drainage to sport fishing for king salmon, seven days per week from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway. The bag and possession limit for king salmon, 20 inches or greater, is one fish. Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-06-19 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of June 24, 2019, 2,615 king salmon have passed the Little Susitna weir and the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 2,300 - 3,900 king salmon has been achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to allow the sport fishery to proceed by regulation. Historically approximately 60% of the run has passed upstream of the weir by this date and over 75% of the harvest. An anticipated harvest of 350 fish upstream of the weir due to this action is not expected to reduce the spawning escapement below the SEG.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-06-19, which closed king salmon fishing in the Little Susitna River drainage, is superseded by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.