

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-34-19

Issued at: Dillingham, Monday, July 8, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 Wednesday, July 10, 2019

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July 31, 2019, unless superseded by  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

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order prohibits retention of king salmon of any size and prohibits the use of bait in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 10 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (g)(1), and (6) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019:

#### **5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.**

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

- (1) king salmon may not be retained or possessed; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be immediately released;
- (6) from July 10 – 31, only one unbaited, single-hook artificial lure may be used, except as provided in (4) of this subsection.

Douglas Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason E. Dye  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Through July 7, 2019, an estimated 39,829 king salmon have passed the sonar at Portage Creek. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Nushagak River king salmon is 55,000 - 120,000 fish. The current projection of spawning escapement is below desired levels; however, unusually warm weather and water temperatures may have delayed the upstream migration of king salmon. Therefore, it is justified to reduce

the mortality of king salmon in the sport fishery and close the Nushagak River drainage to retention of king salmon.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.