

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-47-19

Issued at: Palmer, Thursday, August 8, 2019

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2019

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December 31, 2019, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Larson Creek and within a one-quarter mile radius of its confluence with the Talkeetna River to sport fishing for all salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.120 (4)(a) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

- (4) the Larson Creek drainage and all waters:
 - (A) within one-quarter mile of its confluence with the Talkeetna River are closed to sport fishing for all salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for sockeye salmon in Larson Creek is 15,000 - 35,000 fish. The weir count through August 7, 2019, was 3,041 fish. Low water conditions have likely impeded fish migration and made it difficult to assess this year's run. However, even using a record late run timing model, the projected escapement is less than what is required to achieve the escapement goal. Therefore, closing sport fishing for all salmon in the Larson Creek drainage is warranted to ensure the greatest number of sockeye salmon contribute to spawning escapement.

DISTRIBUTION:

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