

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-40-19

Issued at: Dillingham, Thursday, July 25, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2019

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December 31, 2019, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon, from five to ten in all waters of the Togiak River drainage. The limit for other salmon, except king and sockeye salmon, remains at five per day, five in possession. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limit for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (l) (1) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 27 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

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

(l) In the Togiak River drainage, the following special provisions apply:

(1) the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is ten fish; of which only five fish may be other salmon, other than king salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

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JUSTIFICATION:

The Togiak River has a sustainable escapement goal of 120,000 to 270,000. Through Wednesday, July 24, 2019, approximately 170,796 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Togiak River tower. Current projections with a one day late run timing exceed the goal. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003 Emergency order authority (2) (A), the department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Togiak River sport fishery.

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.