

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-52-19

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, September 16, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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December 31, 2019, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for coho salmon on the Buskin River.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(13) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 18 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2017:

5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b)(13) the Buskin River drainage is closed to sport fishing for coho salmon. Any coho salmon caught incidentally while fish for other species must be immediately returned to the water;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for coho salmon into the Buskin River drainage is 4,700 to 9,600 fish. As of September 15, 2019, the weir count was 181 coho salmon. Based on historical run timing, the spawning escapement is not projected to achieve the escapement goal for this stock, and it is therefore warranted to close the sport fishery in an attempt to achieve escapement objectives.

DISTRIBUTION:

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