

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-55-19

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, October 4, 2019 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-SS-4-52-19 issued September 16, 2019. This emergency order opens sport fishing for coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-SS-4-52-19 is rescinded.

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 October 1, 2019, the weir count was 5,037 coho salmon and the escapement goal has been achieved. In addition, a department foot survey indicates there at least 500 coho salmon still holding below the weir, waiting to move upstream. It is therefore warranted to reopen the sport fishery.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-SS-4-52-19 which closed the Buskin River drainage to sport fishing for coho salmon is rescinded by this emergency order.

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.