

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-27-19

Issued at: Dillingham, Monday, July 1, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2019

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December 31, 2019, unless superseded by  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

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag, possession, and annual limits for king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainage to one per day and in possession, 20 inches or greater in length, with an annual limit of two fish. The bag and possession limit for king salmon under 20 inches in length remains at five fish; no annual limit.

Up to two king salmon recorded before Wednesday, July 3, 2019, on the harvest portion of an Alaska sport fishing license or harvest record card do not count against the two king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, that may be harvested on or after July 3.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (g)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

#### **5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for the 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) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length is five fish; up to two king salmon recorded before Wednesday, July 3, on the harvest portion of an Alaska sport fishing license or harvest record card do not count against the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that may be harvested on or after July 3.

Douglas Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

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

Lee K. Borden  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Nushagak River king salmon is 55,000 - 120,000 fish. Through June 30, 2019, an estimated 35,271 king salmon have passed the Portage Creek sonar. Although the current projection of spawning escapement is within the SEG, those projections are decreasing and are approaching the lower end of the escapement goal. Therefore, a conservative approach is warranted to reduce the Nushagak River drainage sport harvest.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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