

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RF-4-20-20

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, June 8, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-RF-4-12-20 issued March 4, 2020. The bag and possession limits for rockfish for nonresident anglers outside of the waters of Chiniak and Marmot bays are restored to 5 per day, 10 in possession, of which 2 per day, 4 in possession may be nonpelagic and only 1 per day, 2 in possession of the nonpelagic limits may be yelloweye rockfish. The bag limit for rockfish in Chiniak and Marmot bays inside a line from Pillar Cape to Cape Chiniak, remains 3 per day, 6 in possession, of which 2 per day, 4 in possession may be nonpelagic and only 1 per day, 2 in possession of the nonpelagic limits may be yelloweye rockfish. In addition, captain and crew of charter vessels may not retain rockfish in this area while clients are on board.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RF-4-12-20 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Due to travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, nonresident harvest and effort for rockfish is expected to be very low in the Kodiak Area for the duration of the 2020 season. The original emergency order was intended to significantly reduce nonresident harvest of rockfish outside the waters on Chiniak and Marmot bays. Since participation in the fishery is now expected to be significantly reduced, the reduced bag limit is no longer deemed necessary and increased opportunity can be made available for nonresident anglers that are able to participate in the fishery.

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