

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-40-20

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the SALTERY Cove drainage from five to two fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 25 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020:

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

(b)(5) in the SALTERY Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is five salmon of which only two fish may be coho salmon and two fish may be sockeye salmon;

By delegation to:

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement goal for sockeye salmon into the SALTERY Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. Through July 21, 2020, the weir count was 5,773 sockeye salmon, which is well below average. Based on historical run timing, about 54% of the run has occurred and it is not projected to achieve the escapement goal without a reduction in current harvest levels. Therefore, it is warranted to restrict the sport fishing bag limit for sockeye salmon to two fish to reduce harvest in effort to achieve the escapement goal.

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