

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-44-20

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, July 30, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes sport fishing for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage.

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The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order.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, August 1 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 and sockeye salmon, is five salmon of which only two fish may be coho salmon; sport fishing for sockeye salmon is closed;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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 29, 2020, the weir count was 6,275 sockeye salmon, the lowest count on record to date. Based on historical run timing, about 75% of the run has occurred and it is not projected to achieve the escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to close sport fishing for sockeye salmon to reduce harvest to provide more fish towards the escapement goal.

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