

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-SS-4-54-20

**Issued at:** Kodiak, Monday, September 14, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2020

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the bag limit for coho salmon in the Pasagshak, Olds, and American rivers from one to two fish from September 16 through December 31.

**REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(13), (b)(14) and (b)(15) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 16 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)(13) in the Pasagshak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 2 fish;

(b)(14) in the Olds River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 2 fish;

(b)(15) in the American River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 2 fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Tyler Polum,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Pasagshak, Olds, and American rivers have respective lower bound escapement goals of 1,200, 500 and 400 coho salmon. On September 10, 2020, drone and foot surveys were conducted to assess run strength in each of these rivers and escapements were found to be well above escapement objectives. In addition, with significantly reduced travel to Kodiak Island for fishing during the coho salmon season, harvest in each of these drainages is expected to be significantly reduced in 2020. Therefore, it is warranted to allow additional harvest opportunity for coho salmon for the remainder of the year.

**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.