

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-19-20

Issued at Soldotna: Monday, June 8, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 11 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the middle section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:

(A) From June 11 through April 30, the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph (4)(D) of this section, is open to sport fishing, except sockeye salmon may be taken only from June 11 through July 14, 2020.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Colton Lipka
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

ADF&G staff conducted stream surveys on June 8 and using projections derived from the Kenai River sonar small target passage, estimates over 26,000 fish for escapement using high exploitation criteria. ADF&G estimates that the early-run Russian River sockeye salmon biological escapement goal of 22,000 - 42,000 sockeye salmon will be achieved. Based on this information it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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