

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-U-02-20

Issued at: Fairbanks, August 12, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2020

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December 31, 2020, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters of the Tanana River drainage to sport fishing for chum salmon. All chum salmon caught incidentally in the Tanana River drainage while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 74.010. (b)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2020:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

(b)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: the bag and possession limit is three fish, with no size limit; sport fishing for chum salmon is closed;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

by delegation to:

Heather Scannell

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Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Estimated passage of fall chum salmon at the Pilot Station sonar through August 10 is approximately 148,779 fish and the projected abundance is below the level needed to meet the drainagewide escapement goal of 300,000-600,000 fall chum salmon. Fall chum salmon are typically dominated by age-4 fish, however, the 2016 parent year that produced that age class has shown extremely poor survival in chum salmon runs throughout the state. Consistent with 5 AAC 01.249. *Yukon River Drainage Fall Chum Salmon Management Plan* (2)(A), when the projected run size is 300,000 fish or less, the commercial, personal use and sport fish directed chum salmon fisheries will be closed.

DISTRIBUTION:

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