

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-RS-H-19-21

**Issued at:** Yakutat, Monday, July 12, 2021.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2021

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Situk River from three fish per day and six in possession to six fish per day and twelve in possession.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. (b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 13 through Friday, December 31, 2021:

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(b)(8) in the Lost River and Ahrnklin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahrnklin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of three fish and a possession limit of six fish, except that in the Situk River the bag limit is six fish and a possession limit of twelve fish.

By delegation to:

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

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Jason Pawluk  
Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The escapement goal range for sockeye salmon on the Situk River is 30,000 to 70,000 fish. As of July 11, more than 55,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River Weir. Typically, approximately 54% of the sockeye salmon entering the Situk River have passed the weir by this date. Increasing the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits will increase harvest opportunity for sport anglers and will not put achievement of the escapement goal in jeopardy.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5551.