

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-KS-R-21-21

**Issued at:** Juneau, July 26, 2021.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Sunday,  
August 1, 2021

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Friday,  
December 31, 2022, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-16-21, issued June 17, 2021, that established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2021 season based on the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll catch per unit effort (CPUE). The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and nonresident annual limits, and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE.

The Southeast Alaska sport king salmon fishery is projected to exceed its treaty allocation in 2021 due to a greater king salmon harvest per unit effort (HPUE) and lower than average Alaska hatchery king salmon harvest than anticipated. This emergency order establishes a resident and nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; except from August 1 through August 31, 2021 nonresidents may not retain or possess king salmon; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed; and, a nonresident total harvest limit of one king salmon 28 inches in length from July 8 through December 31. In addition, a resident may use two rods from October through March.

These new regulations are being enacted to keep the sport fishery from exceeding its allocation.

**REGULATION:** Consistent with objectives within 5 AAC 47.055. *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020. (22) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 1, 2021. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

**5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(22) king salmon:

(A) bag and possession limit of one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; except from August 1 through August 31 nonresidents may not retain or possess king salmon; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed;

(B) from August 1 through December 31, a nonresident's total harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 31 will apply toward the one fish nonresident's total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Bob Chadwick  
Regional Management Coordinator  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** Due to a greater than anticipated king salmon HPUE in the sport fishery, without modification to current regulations, the 2021 sport harvest of treaty king salmon is projected to be 39,933 (range of 35,940 – 43,926), approximately 2,033 fish above the sport fishery allocation of 37,900. Implementation of these more restrictive king salmon regulations is estimated to result in a 2021 sport harvest range of approximately 33,750 – 41,250 treaty king salmon which would likely not exceed the sport allocation of treaty king salmon.

The Southeast Alaska king salmon fishery will be monitored inseason and additional management action will be taken if needed to keep the sport fishery within the sport allocation.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-R-16-21, issued June 17, 2021, is rescinded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-22-21 issued July 26, 2021, which established king salmon nonretention areas in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks remains in effect.

Emergency Orders 1-KS-A-09-21, 1-KS-E-11-21 and 1-KS-C-12-21 issued May 3, 2021; and Emergency Order 1-KS-A-14-21 issued June 9, 2021, which established designated sport terminal areas, in the Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell and Ketchikan management areas to provide Alaska hatchery king salmon harvest opportunity while protecting wild Alaska king salmon remain in effect.

**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.