

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-22-21

Issued at: Juneau, Monday, July
26, 2021

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

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December 31, 2021, unless superseded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

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-21, issued June 17, 2021 that established areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan and reduced the nonresident annual limit in vicinity of the Unuk River in order to align with new regionwide regulations issued June 17, 2021. This action is necessary as regionwide regulations have changed once more and have reduced the regionwide resident bag and possession limit to one king salmon.

This emergency order maintains nonretention areas needed to protect Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks while establishing a resident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in the king salmon nonretention areas once they reopen as mandated by the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055).

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 33.369.(d)(2), 5 AAC 47.021.(e)(2) and 5 AAC 47.021.(j)(3) are superseded and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021.(c)(1), (2), (g)(9), (j)(7), (8), (9) and (10), (l)(1) and (m)(1) and (2) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 1 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021:

5 AAC 33.369. District 1: Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.

(d) In the waters of the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area which includes the waters of Nichols Pass north of the latitude of Driest Point, Revillagigedo Channel north of the latitude of Harbor Point, and Tongass Narrows south of the latitude of the Lewis Reef light,

(1) the resident bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from June 15 through August 14;

(2) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(c) In the Haines and Skagway vicinity:

(1) Chilkat Inlet, north of the ADF&G regulatory marker immediately north of Seduction Point,

(A) retention of king salmon is prohibited, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed from July 16 through December 31.

(2) in Section 15-A, the waters of Lynn Canal north of the latitude of Sherman Rock as described in 5 AAC 33.200(o)(1), retention of king salmon is prohibited, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed from April 1 through December 31.

(e) In the waters of District 11, as described in 5 AAC 33.200(k),

(2) in a year when there is no allowable catch of Taku River king salmon, in the waters north of a line from Cooper Point to the mouth of Dorothy Creek, king salmon may be taken only from July 1 — March 31;

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(9) in the waters of Section 13-C southeast of a line from Nismeni Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°35.59' N. lat., 135°22.33' W. long., the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from June 15 through December 31.

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(3) in Behm Canal and the contiguous bays between a line from Point Eva to Cactus Point and the latitude of Point Nelson (55° 18.00' N. lat.),

(A) salmon may be taken only from August 15 – March 31;

(B) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

(7) in Behm Canal and the contiguous bays enclosed to the north by a line from the western entrance of Bailey Bay at 55° 56.04' N. lat., 131° 37.94' W. long., to the northern tip of Hassler Island at 55° 54.28' N. lat., 131° 37. 80' W. long., and a line from Fin Point 55° 51.26' N. lat., 131°35.42' W. long. to Dress Point 55°51.15' N. lat., 131°33.75' W. long. to a line from Cactus Point to Point Eva, salmon fishing is prohibited from January 1 through December 31;

(8) in all remaining waters of District 1, as described in 5 AAC 33.200,

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from June 15 through August 14;

(B) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

(9) in waters of District 2, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from July 15 through December 31.

(10) in West Behm Canal and the contiguous bays enclosed to the north by a line from the western entrance of Bailey Bay at 55°56.04' N. lat., 131°37.94' W. long. to the northern tip of Hassler Island at 55°54.28' N. lat., 131°37.80' W. long., and a line from Fin Point at 55°51.26' N. lat., 131°35.42' W. long. to Dress Point at 55°51.15' N. lat., 131°33.75' W. long., and to the south by a line from Indian Point at 55°36.87' N. lat., 131°42.07' W. long. to Mike Point at 55°37.25' N. lat., 131°52.74' W. long.; and in the waters of southern Revillagigedo Channel enclosed from a line from Lucky Point at 55°12.62' N. lat., 131°16.18' W. long., to Middy Point at 55°10.19' N. lat., 131°19.60' W. long., enclosed by a line from Kah Shakes Point at 55°04.22' N. lat., 130°58.72' W. long., to Point Rosen at 55°04.74' N. lat., 131°10.87' W. long., including the waters of Boca de Quadra and continuing to the Annette Island 3,000 foot boundary at the latitude of Beaver Point at 55°05.25' N. lat., 131°14.57' W. long. and in southeast Behm Canal from Cactus Point to Eva Point,

(A) retention of king salmon is prohibited, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed from April 1 through August 14;

(B) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

(l) In the Juneau vicinity:

(1) in the waters of District 11, District 12, Sections 14-B, and 14-C and sections 15-B and 15-C as described in 5 AAC 33.200,

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from August 1 through December 31.

(m) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(1) in the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d) and a portion of District 7 in the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56°22.19' N. lat., 132°11.75' W. long. to a point on the mainland shore at 56°22.76' N. lat., 132°10.62' W. long. the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from July 15 through December 31.

(2) in the waters of District 5 north of line between Point Baker and a point on the shore of Kuiu Island at 56°20.80' N. lat., 133°50.87' W. long., District 6, District 7 excluding the

waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56° 22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long. to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., District 9 north of line between Point Ellis and Patterson Point, and District 10 as described in 5 AAC 33.200, the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from June 15 through December 31.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska regionwide king salmon regulations have been revised in order to prevent exceeding the sport allocation of treaty king salmon. This emergency order maintains nonretention areas needed to protect Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks while establishing a resident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in the king salmon nonretention areas once they reopen as mandated by the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055).

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-21, issued June 17, 2021, is rescinded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-21-21, issued July 26, which established revised regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits, nonresident annual limits, and nonresident periods of nonretention for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery 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.