

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-50-21

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, July 22, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 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December 31, 2021, unless superseded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 to 10 fish in the Saltery Cove drainage. The bag and possession limit for other salmon, except king and coho salmon, remains at five fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. (b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 24 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b)(5) in the Saltery Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which, no more than five may be pink and chum salmon, and two may be coho salmon through September 15 and 1 may be a coho salmon from September 16 through December 31;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Tyler Polum,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. Through July 21, 2021, the weir count was 19,430 sockeye salmon, which is well above average for this date. Based on historical run timing, about 50% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the BEG. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers in the Saltery Cove drainage.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.