

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-40-21

Issued at: Dillingham, 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December 31, 2021, unless superseded by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 limits for sockeye salmon from five to 10 fish in all waters of the Naknek River drainage. The bag and possession limit for other salmon, except king and sockeye salmon, remains at five fish. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limit for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (d)(1)(C) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021:

5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.

(d) In the Naknek River drainage, the following special provisions apply:

- (1) in the Naknek River drainage, unless otherwise specified in this subsection,
 - (C) the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which only five fish, in combination, may be coho, chum, and pink salmon.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Lee K. Borden
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of sockeye salmon in the Naknek River has exceeded the escapement goal of 800,000 – 2,000,000 fish. Through July 11, 2021, a total of 2.3 million sockeye salmon have passed the Naknek River counting tower. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003. *Emergency Order Authority* (2)(A), the department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the goal range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Naknek River sport fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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