

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-59-21

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday,
September 13, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021

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December 31, 2021, unless superseded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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag limit for coho salmon in the Buskin River from one to two fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(16) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 16 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)(16) in the Buskin River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 2 fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Buskin River coho salmon run is projected to exceed the escapement goal of 4,700 to 9,600 even after accounting for harvest upstream of the weir. The weir count from the Buskin River weir as of September 12, 2021 was 6,599 coho salmon and the run is historically only 38% complete by this date. The escapement goal has been achieved and counts are anticipated to exceed the goal. Therefore, it is warranted to allow additional harvest opportunity for coho salmon for the remainder of the year.

DISTRIBUTION:

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