

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-60-21

Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday,
September 23, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 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December 31, 2021, unless superseded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 coho salmon in the Pasagshak River drainage from one to two fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(17) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 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)(17) in the Pasagshak 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:

On September 22, 2021, a drone survey was conducted to assess coho salmon run strength in the Pasagshak River drainage and coho salmon escapement was found to be well above escapement objectives with 6,215 coho salmon counted. The Pasagshak River has a lower bound Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 1,200 coho salmon based on a foot survey and it is anticipated to exceed the escapement goal even with additional harvest opportunity. Since the escapement is well beyond escapement objectives and is anticipated to remain so, it is warranted to allow additional harvest opportunity for coho salmon for the remainder of the year.

DISTRIBUTION:

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