

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-52-21

Issued at: Palmer, Monday, August 2, 2021

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Larson Creek and within a one-quarter mile radius of its confluence with the Talkeetna River to sport fishing for all salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.120. (4)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 4 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021:

5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

- (4) the Larson Creek drainage and all waters:
 - (C) within one-quarter mile of the confluence of Larson Creek with the Talkeetna River are closed to sport fishing for all salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sam Ivey,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal for sockeye salmon in Larson Creek is 15,000 - 35,000 fish. The weir count through August 1, 2021, was 1,746 fish nearing the time when typically 50% of the run is complete, and even late run time modeling cannot project achievement of the goal. Given the SEG has not been achieved in the past two years, a conservative management approach is prudent. The department will continue to monitor run strength at Larson Creek. If run strength improves to a level that can support achievement of the SEG, restrictions to the sport fishery may be rescinded.

DISTRIBUTION:

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