

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-26-21

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the limit for sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River Drainage to 10 per day, 10 in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(14) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 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)(14) in the Ayakulik River drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is 10 fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tyler Polum
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Ayakulik River early run sockeye salmon is 140,000 to 280,000 fish. As of June 21, the weir count for sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River was 196,106 and, historically, the run is 50% complete. The run is currently projected to exceed the upper end of the BEG and it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the drainage to provide additional sport fishing opportunity.

DISTRIBUTION:

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