

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-CS-U-02-21

Issued at: Fairbanks, Tuesday, June 28, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters of the Tanana River drainage to sport fishing for chum salmon. All chum salmon caught incidentally in the Tanana River drainage while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 74.010. (b)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2021:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

(b)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: the bag and possession limit is three fish, with no size limit; sport fishing for chum salmon is closed; a person may not remove a chum salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

by delegation to:

Andrew Gryska
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Estimated passage of summer chum salmon past the Pilot Station sonar through June 28, 2021 is 30,949, which is well below the median cumulative count of 517,857 and the lowest cumulative count on record for this date. The 2021 run is anticipated to be below the lower bound of the inriver escapement goal of 500,000 – 1,200,000, or if the lower bound is achieved, provide limited surplus fish for harvest. Per 5 AAC 05.362(c) *Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan* when the projected run size of summer chum salmon is 650,000 fish or less, the commercial, personal use, and sport fish directed summer chum fisheries will be closed. Subsistence and personal use fishing for chum salmon is currently closed and closure of the sport fishery is warranted throughout the Tanana River drainage.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7207.