

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-KS-U-05-21

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Tuesday, June 22, 2021

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 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**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 king salmon. All king 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 (b)(1) and (c)(12) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 24 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2021:

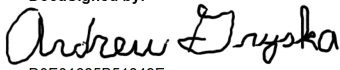
#### **5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.**

(b)(1) sport fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be taken or possessed; any king salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

(c)(12) the Goodpaster River drainage is closed to sport fishing for salmon; salmon may not be retained or possessed; any salmon incidentally caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

by delegation to:

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Andrew Gryska  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The 2021 Yukon River drainage king salmon run size was forecasted to be smaller than the 2020 run and may not be strong enough to meet escapement objectives. The 2021 preseason forecast was for a Yukon River drainage run size of 102,000–189,000 king salmon, and inseason data on run strength and timing is currently projecting a total run size of 127,000 king salmon. The Yukon River drainage king salmon management strategy is to take a conservative approach this season, and subsistence and personal use fishing for salmon have been closed within the Yukon River drainage, including the Tanana River drainage. Restricting the Tanana River drainage king salmon sport fisheries is warranted to achieve the king salmon escapement goals on the Chena and Salcha Rivers and is consistent with the conservation measures being taken in Yukon River drainage subsistence and personal use fisheries.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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