

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-05-22

Issued at: Sitka, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, February 3, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-R-21-21, issued July 26, 2021, that established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery. The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits, and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2022 season is 7.02, which, according to the plan (subsection (e)), prescribes that the resident bag limit will be two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident king salmon bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length and the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon. From October 1 through March 31, a resident sport angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, February 3, 2022. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(19) king salmon:

- (A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (D) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Acting Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan provides management prescriptions based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2022 season is 7.02 which equates to 49,300 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. To address the implementation of the new treaty agreement which includes provisions to reduce the Alaska all-gear harvest ceiling the following year if the Alaska all-gear harvest ceiling is exceeded, the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery will be conservatively managed for a total king salmon treaty harvest of 48,290 fish. Under these management prescriptions the sport fishery is expected to remain within its allocation but will be monitored inseason to determine if additional management action is needed.

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