

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-5-51-22

Issued at: Dillingham, Monday, July 11, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon of any size and prohibits the use of bait in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage. King salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. (g)(1), and (6) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 13 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022:

5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

- (1) king salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;
- (6) from July 13 – July 31, only one unbaited, single-hook artificial lure may be used, except as provided in (4) of this subsection.

Douglas Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Lee K. Borden
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through July 10, 2022, an estimated 42,772 king salmon have passed the sonar at Portage Creek. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Nushagak River king salmon is 55,000 - 120,000 fish. The current projection of spawning escapement is below desired levels. Therefore, a cautious approach is justified to close the Nushagak River drainage to retention of king salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.