

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-KS-7-29-22

**Issued at:** Homer, Monday, June 13, 2022

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 2-KS-7-25-22, issued June 8, 2022, and closes the Ninilchik River to all sport fishing.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. (a)(6)(C) and (a)(6)(D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 16 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022:

#### **5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.**

(a)(6) Ninilchik River drainage:

(C) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed;

(D) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Mike Booz  
Lower Cook Inlet Sport Fish Area Manager

### JUSTIFICATION:

As of June 12, 2022, a total of 182 naturally-produced king salmon had been counted at the lower Ninilchik River weir. Based on the 2019-2021 Ninilchik River naturally-produced king salmon run timing, the 2022 escapement is projected to be less than 500 king salmon. Approximately 1,100 naturally-produced king salmon are needed at this weir to achieve the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750-1,300 and broodstock collection goal for stocking the Ninilchik River. Only naturally-produced king salmon can be used as broodstock for stocking the Ninilchik River.

Approximately 300 hatchery-produced king salmon are needed for broodstock for stocking the Kachemak Bay terminal fisheries. As of June 12, 2022, a total of 227 hatchery-produced king salmon had been counted at the lower Ninilchik River weir and all remaining hatchery-produced king salmon will be needed for broodstock collection.

### 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.