

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-SS-4-65-23

**Issued at:** Kodiak, Tuesday,  
September 26, 2023

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 27, 2023

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Sunday,  
December 31, 2023, unless superseded  
by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Pasagshak River drainage from one to three fish.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(14) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, September 27 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023:

#### **5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.**

(b) The seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and special provisions specified in this subsection are localized exceptions to those specified in (a) of this section for finfish and shellfish in the Kodiak Area:

(14) in the Pasagshak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 3 fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
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Tyler Polum,  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The lower bound escapement goal for coho salmon into the Pasagshak River is 1,200 fish as assessed by index counts of spawning fish. On September 22, 2023, the department observed a minimum of 7,500 coho salmon in Lake Rose Teed from an aerial drone survey. Though the escapement goal is typically assessed postseason during spawning in November, the department expects to achieve the goal even with the increased opportunity. Therefore, it is warranted to allow additional harvest opportunity for coho salmon for the remainder of the year.

### **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.