

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-RS-1-25-23

**Issued at Soldotna:** Monday, June 12, 2023

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2023, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 14 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2023.

#### **5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

(10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:

- (A) from June 14 – April 30, the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph (4)(D) of this section, is open to sport fishing, except sockeye salmon may be taken only from June 14 – July 14;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Jenny Gates  
Acting Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Through June 11, 2023, approximately 1,277 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir. ADF&G estimates that the early-run Russian River sockeye salmon biological escapement goal of 22,000 – 42,000 sockeye salmon will be met based on projections of escapement from the Kenai River mile 13.7 sonar and the Russian River weir. Based on this information and consistent with 5 AAC 57.150. *Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*, it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

### 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.