

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-50-23

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EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-RS-4-45-23 issued July 12, 2023. This emergency order reopens sport fishing for sockeye salmon and restores the bag and possession limit in the Pasagshak River drainage for sockeye salmon to two fish.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-4-45-23 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for sockeye salmon in the Pasagshak River drainage is a lower bound of 3,000 fish. Through July 23, 2023, the weir count was 2,232 sockeye salmon and there are fish building in the river below the weir, which indicates the escapement goal will be achieved this season with sport harvest opportunity reinstated. Based on historical run timing about 55% of the run has occurred and is projected to achieve the escapement goal with the sport fishery open under existing bag and possession limits. Therefore, it is warranted to reopen the sockeye salmon sport fishery and allow harvest opportunity in the Pasagshak River drainage.

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