

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-RS-4-46-23

**Issued at:** Kodiak, Tuesday, July 18, 2023

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 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December 31, 2023, unless superseded  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 sockeye salmon to 10 fish in the SALTERY Cove drainage. The bag and possession limit for other salmon, except king and coho salmon, remains at five fish.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 20 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:

(5) in the SALTERY Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which no more than five may be pink and chum salmon, and two may be coho salmon through September 15 and one may be a coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, from September 16 through December 31;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
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Tyler Polum,  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the SALTERY Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. Through July 17, 2023, the weir count was 13,499 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 36% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the BEG. The SALTERY Cove sockeye salmon run has consistently exceeded the BEG in the last 10-years and it is warranted to increase the bag limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers in the SALTERY Cove drainage.

**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.