

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-5-44-23

Issued at: Dillingham, Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 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Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 limits for sockeye salmon from five to 10 fish in all waters of the Alagnak River drainage. The bag and possession limit for other salmon, except king, coho and sockeye salmon, remains at five fish. These limits are in combination with the more liberal limit for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022(f)(2) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 12 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023:

5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay area.

(f) In the Alagnak River drainage, the following special provisions apply;

(2) the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish with no size limit, of which only five fish, in combination, may be chum and pink salmon, and three of which may be coho salmon;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


Lee K. Borden

Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of sockeye salmon in the Alagnak River has exceeded the escapement goal of 210,000 fish. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003. *Emergency Order Authority* (2)(A), the Department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the goal range. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Alagnak River sport fishery.

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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.