

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-27-25**

**Issued at:** Petersburg, Monday, July 28, 2025.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 4, 2025

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order rescinds emergency order 1-KS-R-24-25 and reopens king salmon harvest opportunity for nonresidents in Southeast Alaska. Harvest opportunity for resident anglers within state waters has not been modified.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(21) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 4, 2025. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

#### **5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(21) king salmon:

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) the nonresident annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

(D) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Fowler  
Southeast Alaska Management Coordinator

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Southeast Alaska sport fishery is being managed to achieve but not exceed the 2025 allocation of 28,264 king salmon as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060). If no action is taken, the projected end of season harvest

for the sport fishery is expected to fall short of the sport allocation and additional harvest opportunity can be provided. In accordance with the provisions of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055), resident harvest opportunity has remained unchanged but this action reopens harvest opportunity for nonresident anglers. The sport harvest of king salmon will continue to be monitored and additional action in the sport fishery may be necessary before the end of the season.

In accordance with 5 AAC 47.020(19), the regulations for nonresident anglers apply to all anglers when fishing in the exclusive economic zone (between 3-200 nautical miles from shore).

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

Emergency order 1-KS-R-08-25 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for the 2025 season was previously rescinded by emergency order 1-KS-R-24-25. These regional king salmon regulations are reimplemented by this emergency order.

Emergency order 1-KS-R-09-25 established conservation measures to protect Alaska wild and transboundary river king salmon stocks in the 2025 season. These areas and times that have been closed to king salmon retention remain in effect.

Emergency orders 1-KS-C-06-25, 1-KS-A-12-25, 1-KS-C-13-25, 1-KS-E-14-25 established king salmon bag, possession and annual limits in areas where Alaska hatchery king salmon are returning. These regulations remain in effect and nonresidents may continue to harvest king salmon in these areas and times as described within the respective emergency order.

Emergency order 1-KS-H-17-25 and 1-KS-H-25-25 established king salmon bag, possession and annual limits for the freshwaters of the Yakutat area and the Situk River; these regulations remain in effect.

Emergency order 1-KS-R-24-25 prohibited retention of king salmon for nonresident anglers in Southeast Alaska. Emergency order 1-KS-R-24-25 is rescinded and the marine king salmon fishery within Southeast Alaska is open to harvest opportunity for nonresident anglers.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 772-5231.