

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-17-25

Issued at: Yakutat, Monday, April 28, 2025.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reduces nonresident annual limits for king salmon in the fresh waters of the Yakutat management area to one king salmon 20 inches or greater per year.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(c)(1)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, May 1 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

5 AAC 47.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska area.

(c) in the fresh waters between the longitude of Cape Suckling and longitude of Cape Fairweather:

(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; no size limit; bag, possession, and annual limits, as follows:

(C) the nonresident annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one king salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Yakutat Area Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: During the 2025 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting, the board of fisheries adopted a proposal to reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon in the Yakutat area fresh waters. King salmon returning to the Situk River and within the greater Southeast Alaska region have been experiencing a period of poor productivity and this action is expected to reduce the sport harvest of king salmon. Given the lowest escapement on record was observed in the Situk River in 2023 and the regionwide trend of poor king salmon productivity, a conservative management approach warrants reducing nonresident annual limits of king salmon 20 inches or greater in the fresh waters of the Yakutat management area.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-H-15-25, which closed sport fishing for king salmon in the Situk River and Emergency Order 1-KS-H-16-25 are unaffected by this emergency order.

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