

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

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

**Issued at:** Yakutat, Thursday, July 23, 2025.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2025

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order opens the sport fishery for king salmon in the Situk River, provides king salmon harvest opportunity downstream of the Situk River weir, and prohibits retention of king salmon upstream of the Situk River weir. Below the Situk River weir, king salmon bag, possession, and annual limits for Yakutat freshwaters established by 5 AAC 47.022 (c)(1) are in effect.

**REGULATION:** This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-15-25 issued on April 28, 2025. The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. (b)(6)(F) and (G) are added by this emergency order. The following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 26 through Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(b)(6) in the Situk River drainage,

(F) sport fishing for king salmon is open downstream of ADF&G markers, approx. 300' below the Situk River weir; king salmon bag, possession, and annual limits, as follows:

(1) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of one fish;

(2) less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish;

(3) nonresident annual limit is one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and does not count towards the nonresident annual harvest limit as set out under 5 AAC 47.055.

(G) king salmon may not be possessed or retained upstream of the Situk River weir. King salmon caught upstream of the Situk River weir must not be removed from water and must be released immediately;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jason Pawluk  
Yakutat Area Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon. The Situk River weir count through July 23 is 1,092 large king salmon, which is over the upper bound of the escapement goal range. Typically, by this date approximately 89% of the king salmon run has passed the Situk River weir. In accordance with 5 AAC 30.365, when at least 1,050 king salmon have passed the weir, the sport fishery may open in the Situk River. Opening the king

salmon sport fishery and allowing sport harvest of king salmon below the Situk River weir for the remainder of the season will provide additional opportunity for sport anglers and will not put achievement of the escapement goal in jeopardy.

**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) 747-5551.