

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-24-25

Issued at: Petersburg, Monday, June 30, 2025.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 7, 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Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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-08-25 and prohibits retention of king salmon by nonresidents in Southeast Alaska. Harvest opportunity for resident anglers within state waters has not been modified.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 7, 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.

(20) king salmon:

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

(B) 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.

(C) nonresidents may not retain king salmon, king salmon may not be retained or possessed by nonresidents; any king salmon caught by a nonresident must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Patrick Fowler
Southeast Alaska Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southeast Alaska sport fishery is expected to 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). The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055) directs the management of the sport fishery by establishing regulations designed to achieve but not exceed the allocation to the sport fishery. If no action is taken, the projected end of season harvest for the sport fishery is expected to exceed the sport allocation and now requires restrictive inseason action. In accordance with the provisions of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management*

Plan, when inseason action is required to keep the sport fishery within allocation nonresident harvest is restricted to protect continued harvest opportunity for Alaska residents. The sport harvest of king salmon will continue to be monitored and the nonresident fishery may reopen to harvest in August if allocation is available.

In accordance with 5 AAC 47.020(19), when fishing in the exclusive economic zone (between 3-200 nautical miles from shore), all anglers must comply with the regulations established for nonresident anglers, including this prohibition on the retention of king salmon

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 is rescinded 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 established king salmon bag, possession and annual limits for the freshwaters of the Yakutat area and these regulations remain in effect.

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.