

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-29-25**

**Issued at Soldotna:** Monday, June 30, 2025

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2025

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

**REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122 (4)(D) and (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2025.

**5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

- (4)(D) The Russian River sanctuary area, from July 1 – July 14, is fly-fishing-only waters
- (10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:
  - (A) from July 1 – July 14, the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph 4(D) of this section is open to sport fishing, except sockeye salmon may be taken only from July 1 – July 14.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phill Stacey  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Through June 29, 2025, a total of 22,779 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir, exceeding the lower bound of the escapement goal of 22,000 – 44,000. Consistent with the *Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 57.150), it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

**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.