

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-47-25

Issued at Soldotna: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 16, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or longer, from three per day and six in possession, to six per day and twelve in possession, in the Kenai River from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located at the outlet of Skilak Lake.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.120(4)(A)(iii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 16 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(4) salmon, other than king salmon,

(A) 16 inches or greater in length, as follows:

(iii) except as provided in (iv) of this subparagraph, in the Kenai River from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located at the outlet of Skilak Lake, the bag limit for sockeye, coho, and chum salmon in combination is six fish of which no more than three may be chum salmon and of which no more than two may be coho salmon; possession limit for sockeye, coho and chum salmon is twelve fish of which only six may be chum salmon and of which only two may be coho salmon. In addition, the bag and possession limits for pink salmon is six fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner



By delegation to:

Phill Stacey
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* stipulates that the department may increase the bag and possession limits, as appropriate, when the department determines that the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon exceeds 2,300,000 fish and the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750,000 – 1,300,000 sockeye salmon will be achieved.

As of August 11, 2025, the Kenai River sockeye salmon run has exceeded 2.3 million fish and the SEG has been achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon to six per day and twelve in possession.

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.