

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-49-25

Issued at: Palmer, Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limits for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length to three per day, three in possession, of which only one per day, one in possession may be a coho salmon and prohibits the use of bait in all waters of the Little Susitna River from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 60.122 (9)(B)(F) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025, through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025:

### **5 AAC 60.122 Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.**

(9) in the Little Susitna River drainage,

(B) in the flowing waters from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway, only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;

(F) salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limits are three fish, of which only one may be a coho salmon; a person, after taking a bag limit of salmon other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length from the Little Susitna River, may not sport fish that same day for any species of fish in waters open to sport fishing for salmon on the Little Susitna River;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Samantha Oslund  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 9,200 - 17,700 fish. A target management objective of approximately 10,200 fish counted past the weir is needed to assure achievement of the SEG as the goal incorporates an anticipated harvest of nearly 1,000 fish upstream of the weir. As of August 12, only 2,576 coho salmon had passed upstream of the weir and the escapement is projected to be 4,880 fish which is well below the lower end of the SEG. At this time, it is justified to reduce the harvest of coho salmon

at the Little Susitna River until the run can be further assessed to ensure the SEG is met. If run strength improves to a level that can support a larger harvest, restrictions to the sport fishery may be rescinded and additional restrictions are possible if the run does not improve.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.